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"Tamil Nadu should attain growth in all aspects. For this, each family should progress in all aspects of socio-economic development and prosper. With this in mind, your beloved sister's Government works tirelessly day and night to bring prosperity and all inclusive growth in the lives of Tamils."

Selvi J Jayalalithaa
- Hon'ble Chief Minister

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RULE OF LAW IN TAMIL NADU

Hon'ble Chief Minister
Selvi J JAYALALITHAA

Police

- Civic elections and bye-elections were held in the State without any untoward incident, due to elaborate bandobust arrangements made by Police.
- During the "Thane" cyclone Police forces were deployed in rescue and relief operations and the people were moved to the safe places. The contribution of the Police Force in bringing back normalcy in the affected areas are immense.
- As many as 14,475 property cases were detected. Stolen property worth of Rs. 65.84 crores was recovered.

- The Government have finalized the System Integrator for Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) project and commenced the project from 4th November, 2011.
- 39 Anti-Land Grabbing Special Cells were formed. So far out of 1225 cases registered 1,299 accused were arrested and property worth Rs.758.04 crores were retrieved.
- A grant of Rs.1.02 crores has been made to the families of the 51 Police Personnel who died while on duty.
- The Government have raised the risk allowance for officers of the rank of Inspectors and below, from Rs.270/- to Rs.300/- per month. Similarly the risk allowance for Deputy Superintendents of Police and Additional Superintendents of Police has been raised from Rs.315/- to Rs.350/- per month.
- Government have accorded sanction for purchase of 560 vehicles at a cost of Rs.30.51 crores to various police units including 145 vehicles for Anti-Land Grabbing Cells.

- The Kudankulam nuclear power plant was successfully opened without any disturbance to law and order.
- Two major bank robberies that took place in Chennai were immediately detected successfully and actions were taken to prevent such incidents.
- The Government subsidy of Rs.1 crore sanctioned to Tamil Nadu Police Benevolent Fund has been increased to Rs.1.2 crore.
- The dispute in Uthapuram village which prevailed for more than two decades between two communities has come to an end on 20.3.2012 as a result of the action taken by the District Administration on the instructions given by the Government of Tamil Nadu. The situation is now under control.
- To ensure Police personnel getting their household things at fair price, the Government have started Police Canteens at three places viz. Madurai, Trichy and Avadi. These VAT exempted canteens were inaugurated on 28.03.2012. The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.1 crore for its infrastructure facilities.
- Government sanctioned opening of Police Outpatient units/ Dispensaries in 10 TSP Battalions and 26 Armed Reserve Headquarters and they were inaugurated on 28.03.2012.
- The Government have ordered the provision of 10 chairs in every Police Station, so that the people who visit the Police Stations to register complaints are treated with dignity.
- Village Vigilance Committees have been constituted in all Police Stations. This will help to infuse cordial interaction between the Police and the public. A sum of Rs.1.56 crores has been sanctioned for this effort.
- Boys Clubs were started by this Government for the first time in the State on 17.09.2003. 50 more Boys Clubs were sanctioned in 2011-12. The financial assistance given to these clubs per year has been raised from Rs.66,000/- to Rs.75,000/-.
- During 2011-12, two new All Women Police Stations were started at Gummudipoondi in Thiruvallur district and Ulundurpet in Villupuram district.

- In 2011-12, the Government have ordered the construction of a Model Bomb Disposal Training Class Room at a cost of Rs.30.78 lakhs to provide training.
- Special Risk Allowance (Rs.3,000/- pm) has been sanctioned to 147 ex-military personnel working in Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad.
- During the year 2011, 1061 Sub-Inspectors Cadets successfully completed their training at the Tamil Nadu Police Academy / Police Training College. The passing out parade held on 15.02.2012 witnessed the largest number of Sub-Inspectors passing out in any particular year.
- Grade-II Police Constables were provided basic training for 22 weeks earlier. Since a comprehensive training programme will require basic training for at least 7 months and one more month of practical training, orders were issued on 07.03.2012 increasing the period of training accordingly.
- The feeding charges and grooming charges for dogs in Dog Squad have been enhanced by the Government from Rs.54/- to Rs.85/- per day and from Rs.250/- to Rs.300/- per month respectively.

- A notification has been issued by the Board on 21.03.2012 for the recruitment of Grade-II Police Constables, Grade-II Jail Wardens and Firemen to fill up 13,320 vacancies.
- The Daily allowance of Homeguards has been enhanced from Rs.65/- to Rs.150/- from 16th September 2011. The night duty allowance in Chennai City Commissionerate has also been raised to Rs.200/- per call out. Orders have been issued to increase the registered strength of Home Guards in the State from 11,622 to 16,000.
- Orders were issued to construct 3,440 quarters at a cost of Rs.287.95 crores in 2011-12.
- Sanction was accorded to construct buildings for 22 Police stations at a cost of Rs.9.25 crores in 2011-12.
- It was observed that 97 Police Stations were functioning in old and dilapidated buildings. This Government has therefore sanctioned the construction of new buildings for 82 such Police Stations at a cost of Rs.37.70 crores.

- Armed Reserve Complexes at Nagapattinam, Ariyalur,Pudukkottai, Tiruchirapalli and Thanjavur at a cost of Rs.12.82 crores.
- Barracks for Armed Police at Tiruvannamalai at a cost of Rs.11.33 crores.
- Barracks for Commando Trainees at Othivakkam, Pallipattu, Vallanadu, Sathyamangalam and Tiruchirapalli at a cost of Rs.8.53 crores.
- District Police Office at Thanjavur at a cost of Rs.4.81 crores.
- Other Police buildings at a cost of Rs.3.82 crores. Hence, a sum of Rs.377.95 crores was sanctioned for construction of quarters and other buildings for the Police Department in 2011-12.
- Three new Law & Order Police stations were ordered to be started at Koyambedu, Tharamani & Kanathur at Chennai during 2011-12 at a cost of Rs.11.39 crores.
- The Government have ordered the opening of 12 new Traffic Police Stations during 2011-12 which include Valasaravakkam and Semmancherry in the Greater Chennai Commissionerate. Further, an additional sanction of 1,125 posts has been ordered for the Chennai Traffic Police on 21.10.2011. The new Traffic Police Stations and the additional staff sanctioned involve an expenditure of Rs.40 crores.
- 12 Out Post Police Stations were upgraded as regular Police Stations at a cost of Rs.13.03 crores in 2011-12.
- Orders have been issued sanctioning Rs.5 crores for the installation of 1,000 Computers for various offices of Police Department.
- Two hundred and five (205) Sri Lankan Tamils were rescued from the human traffickers and sent back to their native places.
- 420 Juveniles including 42 girls stranded in the premises of the Railway Stations were rescued by the Tamil Nadu Railway Police and most of them were restored to their parents and the rest are kept in the Homes.
- Integrated Traffic Management System for Chennai at a cost of Rs.150 crores.
- Supply of Lime Juice to quench the thirst of the traffic police at work under the hot sun.

- Mega Housing Scheme of 36,000 homes on ownership basis for personnel of Police, Prisons and Fire and Rescue Services Department.

Fire and Rescue Services

- A new Fire and Rescue Services Station has been opened at Chinna Salem in Villupuram Division at a cost of Rs.79.79 lakhs.
- A new Fire and Rescue Services Station has been opened at T.Kallupatti in Madurai Division at a cost of Rs.75.01 lakhs.
- A new Fire and Rescue Services Station has been sanctioned at Alangulam in Tirunelveli Division at a cost of Rs.78.11 lakhs.
- A new Divisional Headquarters at Sivagangai has been formed by bifurcating the existing Ramnad-Sivagangai Division at a cost of Rs.42 lakhs.
- Fabrication of 9 Advanced Water Tenders and 8 Mini Water Tenders based on water-mist technology; purchase of 22 sets of Hydraulically operated combi-tools for use in major cities was sanctioned at a cost of Rs.3.20 crores.
- Fabrication of 2 Small Foam Tenders for use in Ambattur and Tiruchirapalli was sanctioned at a non-recurring expenditure of Rs.48 lakhs.
- Purchase of 9 four wheelers and 2 Motor Cycles was sanctioned at a cost of Rs.45.10 lakhs.
- Purchase of 28 numbers of computers and printers was sanctioned at a cost of Rs.12.60 lakhs.
- Feeding charges for Dogs in the Sniffer Dog Squad were enhanced from Rs.54/- to Rs.100/- per dog per day.

WELFARE MEASURES FOR SRILANKAN TAMILS IN REFUGEE CAMPS, EX-SERVICEMEN AND FREEDOM FIGHTERS

Hon'ble Chief Minister
Selvi J JAYALALITHAA

- Cash Grants to the recipients of Gallantry Awards and winners of distinguished Service Medals from armed forces belonging to Tamil Nadu, enhanced.
- Introduction of e-Governance in the Department of Ex-Servicemen's Welfare.
- Creation of more job opportunities for Ex-Servicemen by appointing them in Power Theft Checking Squad.
- The monthly Consolidated Pay to the 3,000 Ex-Servicemen in Temple Protection Force enhanced to Rs.5,000/-
- Appointment of Collectors as Nodal Officers to expedite compassionate appointment to Next of Kins of Battle Casualties.
- Enhancement of the monthly Constituency Allowance to the Members of Legislative Assembly from Rs.5,000/- to Rs.10,000/-.
- Enhancement of the monthly pension to former Members of the Legislative Assembly/Council from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.12,000/-.

- Enhancement of the Family Pension to the family of deceased Members of the Legislative Assembly / Council from Rs.5,000/- to Rs.6,000/-
- Medical Allowance to Freedom Fighter Pensioners enhanced to Rs.100/- per month. 'A' class facility and free treatment will be provided to them and their families in Government Hospitals and high class treatment in the new Hospitals.
- Orders have been issued to take action on National Human Rights Commission cases pertaining to Tamil Nadu by monitoring them through e-Governance.
- New Additional Building to State Human Rights Commission at a cost of Rs.3.48 crores.

Welfare of Sri Lankan Tamils in refugee camps

- Sanction of a sum of Rs.25 crores to renovate the Sri Lankan Tamil Refugee Camps in the State, and to provide quality housing, drinking water, sanitation and health facilities.

- Cash investment in the names of female children under Girl Child Protection Scheme, in the families that have no male child.
- Payment of pension at the rate of Rs.1,000/- per month to destitute persons in the category of widow, old aged persons, differently abled persons, deserted wives and unmarried women living in refugee camps under Social Security Scheme.
- Supply of Sewing Machines to women in Sri Lankan Refugee Camps, who have been trained in tailoring.
- Payment of Rs.50,000/- plus 4 grams gold for Thirumangalyam for women with degree/diploma qualification and Rs.25,000/- plus 4 grams gold for Thirumangalyam for other educated women has been extended to those in the Refugee Camps.
- Distribution of rice at no cost upto 20 kgs out of family entitlement is extended to the refugees.
- Fee Concession to first Graduate of refugee families selected through single window system, to pursue professional courses.
- Monthly cash doles to the residents of refugee camps have been enhanced to Rs.1,000/- to the Head of the family, Rs.750/- to the other adults and Rs.400/- to children below 12 years.
- 5 Seats each are reserved in BC, MBC and Minorities and Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Hostels for the refugee students to pursue education.
- Scholarships to students of refugee families living in camps are sanctioned for pursuing higher studies.
- Payment of a sum of Rs.10,000/- each to the 416 Women Self Help Groups in camps as revolving fund, at a cost of Rs.41.60 lakhs.

RENOVATED LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HALL WITH GLORIOUS TRADITION

Hon'ble Speaker of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly
Thiru. D. Jayakumar

Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Secretariat

- The Assembly Chamber at Fort St. George, which was completely changed to accommodate Classical Tamil Library by the previous Government, was restored to its original position within a week's time on war footing. The Legislative Assembly at Omandurar Government Estate, Chennai-2, which lacked adequate facilities, was shifted back to Fort St. George, Chennai-9, to regain its ancient glory and the first Meeting of the XIV Assembly was held on 23.05.2011.

- Consequent on the delimitation of Constituencies, certain MLA Offices were relocated and hence this Secretariat has taken necessary steps to construct 28 new MLA Offices in various Constituencies, where there is no MLA Office.

- Separate lounge rooms for male and female Members of Legislative Assembly were created adjacent to Assembly Chamber with air conditioned facilities. Both Lounge rooms were inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 8.8.2011.

- Pigeon hole shelves with lock and key facilities have been provided in the Eastern and Western lobbies of the Assembly Chamber to keep the mobile phones of the Members of Legislative Assembly safely.

❖ Pigeon hole shelves with lock and key facilities have also been provided to keep the mobile phones of the Press Reporters safely.

❖ BSNL Smart Pay Phones have been installed in the Eastern and Western Lobbies of the Chamber, Plaza, Members Lounges, Legislature Party Rooms and in the Press Gallery of the Chamber for the use of of MLAs and Press.

❖ An exclusive sophisticated Gym, for women Members of Legislative Assembly has been established at the Legislators' Residential Complex. The Gym was opened by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 1.2.2012.

❖ C.C.T.V. cameras have been installed in the important places of Legislators' Residential Complex as a safety measure.

❖ Damaged roads were repaired and new roads are being laid down from Government Guest house to Legislators' Residential Complex and from Sivananda Road to Legislators' Residential Complex along with street lamp facilities.

❖ The Agenda of the Assembly meeting, the list of questions, policy notes, Bulletin of the meeting days on daily basis are sent in advance to all members of the Legislative Assembly through Email during meeting days as and when they are ready. The information regarding such deliveries is sent simultaneously to the members through SMS.

PROGRESSIVE BUDGET FOR PROSPEROUS TAMIL NADU

Hon'ble Minister for Finance
Thiru O. Panneerselvam

- The total Budget size of the State Government has crossed Rs.1.00 lakh crores for the first time in the Revised Budget Estimates 2011-2012.
- The Budget for the year 2012-2013 was presented with a huge Revenue surplus of Rs.2,376.07 crores.
- The percentage of Fiscal Deficit to GSDP is contained at 2.87%.
- The debt to GSDP ratio has been maintained at 19.56% though 13th Finance Commission norms allow upto 24.8%.
- Orders were issued extending Life Time Family Pension to the unmarried/ divorced/widowed daughters of pensioners of this State, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions.

❖ The "Vision Tamil Nadu 2023 Document" has been released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 22.03.2012.

Planning and Development Department

❖ Plan outlay for the Annual Plan 2011-2012 has been fixed at Rs.23,535 crores. This outlay is 17.28% higher than the Plan outlay approved (Rs.20,068 crores) for the Annual Plan 2010-2011.

❖ Western Ghats Development Programme (WGDP) is implemented in Tamil Nadu since 1975-76. The Union Planning Commission has approved an amount of Rs.22.77 crores for the implementation of Western Ghats Development Programme schemes for the year 2011-2012.

❖ The Hill Area Development Programme is being implemented in the Nilgiris District since 1975. The Union Planning Commission has allocated a sum of Rs.47.19 crores for schemes implemented under Hill Area Development Programme during the year 2011-1012. The focus areas include Soil Conservation, Forestry, Horticulture, Rural Roads, Development of Local Bodies, Welfare of SC/STs, Tourism, Sericulture, Medical and Public Health and Minor Irrigation. The schemes are implemented through 22 departments.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT ALWAYS AHEAD

Hon'ble Minister for Revenue

Thiru. K.A. Sengottaiyan

- Under the Chief Minister's Farmers' Security Scheme, Educational assistance, Marriage assistance, Old Age Pension, Accident relief, Natural death and Funeral expenses are given to the beneficiaries. 1,40,71,395 persons have been enumerated for Maroon Colour Identity Card for the member of the Scheme and 1,22,55,770 persons have been enumerated for Grey Colour Identity Card for the dependents of the members. A sum of Rs. 190.17 crores has been disbursed to 2,69,486 beneficiaries.
- Under the Fast Track Patta Transfer Scheme 15.56 lakhs patta transfer applications have been processed.
- 1,21,804 house site pattas have been issued.
- 659 petitions were received from the anti-land grabbing cells and all the petitions were verified with land records and returned.
- In Nilgiris District, Gudalur and Bandalur Taluk 11,204.47 acres of Janmam Lands have been handed over to Forest Department.
- 77,734 encroachments with an extent of 18,760 acres of land have been evicted.

- Orders have been issued for the bifurcation of Ponneri division in Thiruvallur District into Ambattur and Madhavaram Taluks.
- Relief measure has been increased from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 2 lakhs in case of loss of human life, in case of goat from Rs. 1,000 to Rs.2,000 and in case of Cattle from Rs.10,000 to Rs. 20,000.
- Relief has been enhanced from 2,000 to 5,000 for fully damaged houses, and for partly damaged houses the cash relief has been enhanced from Rs.1,000 to Rs.2,500.
- Rs. 154 crores has been sanctioned for construction of new Government offices at Thanjavur, Tiruppur, Udumalpet, Tambaram and Cuddalore.
- A post of Personal Assistant (Legal) to District Collectors has been created in all the District Collectorates.
- In the Revenue Department, 3,318 Village Administrative Officers, 978 Assistants and 643 Village Assistants have been appointed through direct recruitment. 72 Junior Assistants, 4 Typists and 208 Village Administrative Officers have been appointed on compassionate ground.
- For protection of Government land by way of fencing, Rs.94.89 lakhs has been allotted.

- The lands declared as surplus under the Land Reforms Act to an extent of 19 acres has been assigned to 26 persons.
- For expediting Patta Transfer work, one Computer, one Laserjet Printer, two sets of Computer Table and Chair and a Multifunction Device (Mini Copier cum Scanner cum Printer) have been supplied to each of the 220 Taluk Offices.
- Action has been taken for establishing Modern Survey Scheme Offices (MSSO) in 8 districts with all facilities like Global Positioning System and Total Station.
- Training in using Global Positioning System and Total Station has been imparted to 360 persons, at C-STAR in Anna University, Chennai.
- Compassionate ground appointments have been given to 173 persons in survey & settlement department.
- Advanced training in Modern Survey and Mapping has been imparted to 71 persons at Indian Institute of Survey and Mapping, Hyderabad.
- The disputes between cultivating tenants and landowners (including temple lands) are settled by 6 Revenue Courts in the State.

- 9 new taluks formed at Thirupuvanam, Kalasapakkam, Alathur, Kinathukadavu, Thiruporur, Annur, Chinnasalem, Anthiyur and Kollimalai.
- An Official Committee will be formed to recommend the proposals to the Government.
- Community Certificate, Income Certificate and Residential Certificate will be issued to all the School students in Tamil Nadu at sixth standard itself.
- State Disaster Management Training Centre will be established at Kancheepuram District at an estimated cost of Rs.10 crores to impart necessary training to take up precautionary measures during the Natural Calamities to the officials of various Departments.

FROM ENERGY CRISIS TO ENERGY SECURITY

Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, Prohibition and Excise
Thiru. Natham R. Viswanathan

- Under the State sector, 30MW (2X15MW) has been added through Bhavani Kattalai Barrage II Hydro Project from 29.11.2011.
- Under the State sector, Periyar-Vaigai SHEP-II 2.5MW (2X1.25MW) has been synchronized with the grid on 30.1.2012.
- Under the Central sector, first 500 MW unit of Simhadri Super Thermal Power Station stage II is declared for commercial operation from 16.9.2011. Tamil Nadu's share is 95 MW.
- New wind mills with a capacity of 962 MW have been added.
- The Government has accorded approval for the establishment of Tuticorin Thermal Power Project-stage IV (1X800 MW) under State Sector.
- The Government has accorded approval for the establishment of Uppur Thermal Power Project-stage IV (2X800MW) under Tariff Based Competitive Bidding Route.
- Under State Sector, Government has accorded approval for the establishment of 1X800MW Udangudi Expansion Stage II Scheme.
- Orders have been issued for replacing the existing Ennore Thermal Power Plant by a new (1X660MW) Power Plant.
- The Letter of Award has been handed over to M/s. Lanco Infratech Limited for the Mine Developer and Operator and to set up a pit head Thermal Power Plant in Gare pelma sector I coal block.

- ❖ Announcement has been made for taking up of Udangudi Super Critical Thermal Power Plant (2X800 MW) under State Sector at a total cost of Rs.8,000 crores.
- ❖ 400 KV Substation has been commissioned on 16.8.2011 at Sungavarchattram.
- ❖ 20 Nos. 110/33 KV Substations have been commissioned so far.
- ❖ 683.712 Ckt. Kms of Extra High Tension (EHT) lines have been energized.
- ❖ Sanction has been obtained from Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), Government of India for implementation of the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) scheme in balance 3 districts viz., Nilgiris, Tirunelveli and Dharmapuri districts at a total cost of Rs.37.27 crores.
- ❖ Government of Tamil Nadu have provided financial assistance to TANGEDCO by way of equity share capital assistance of Rs.4,100 crores, ways and means advance Rs.1,000 crores, advance tariff subsidy for the whole year of 2011-12 Rs. 2,058.19 crores.
- ❖ Grid connectivity incentive of Rs.455.16 crores for Renewable Energy Sources was released as ways and means advance by the Government of Tamil Nadu pending receipt from the Government of India.
- ❖ 9,306 Nos. of energy theft cases were detected by 40 teams of Ex-servicemen and provisional assessment and compounding charges amounting to Rs.22.06 crores were levied upon the consumers.
- ❖ The TANGEDCO has approved to fill up 600 Nos. of Assistant Engineers by Direct Recruitment through Employment Exchanges.

- Orders have been issued to absorb part time Conservancy Workers in the regular time scale of Pay.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu have provided financial assistance of Rs.300 crores to undertake restoration works in Cuddalore, Villupuram, Nagapattinam districts towards damage caused by "Thane" cyclone. Further, electricity supply was restored for Domestic and other essential services in the cyclone affected areas on war footing i.e within a fortnight.

Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency

- India's First 1 MW Solar Power Plant commissioned at West Komal village in Nagapattinam District on 10.06.2011. Further 4 Solar Power Plants Commissioned each with 1MW capacity.
- Global Tenders have been floated and are under finalization for the "Energisation of 20,000 Street lights with Solar Energy" and 60,000 Nos. under "Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green House Scheme" (CMSPGHS).
- 4 Biomass/Co-generation projects to a tune of 31.45 MW were commissioned.
- Sanction for Rs.58.25 crores subsidy obtained from MNRE, GoI for setting up of Co-generation plants in 12 nos. of Co-operative Sugar mills to a tune of 183 MW in the State.
- A 5 MW Solar Power Plant commissioned in Sekkarakudi Village of Thoothukudi District on 29.3.2012.
- 913.16 Sq.mts. of Solar Water Heating Systems installed at various places of Tamil Nadu.
- 592 Sq.mts. of Solar Steam Cooking Systems installed at SRM University, Kattankulathur, Kancheepuram District and 64 Sq.mts of Solar Steam Cooking System installed at L&T Plastics Ltd, Chembarampakkam, Chennai.
- 169 Sq.mt of Solar Pressurized Air Conditioning Systems installed at Turbo Energy Limited, Payyanur and 405 Sq.mts. of Solar Air Heating System installed at various industries.
- 63 Mini Hydro/Water Mills have been installed for producing power in the hilly locations of Kodaikanal, Ooty, Kolli Hills etc.
- 1,427 nos. of Battery Operated (Electric) Vehicles promoted and distributed to beneficiaries.

- Participation of TEDA in various Exhibitions like Electrotek, Codissia, Coimbatore, Wind Expo, Coimbatore, Science City, and Govt Trade Fairs all over the State etc.
- 3 Biomass Projects for 35MW recommended to TANGEDCO by TEDA for issue of consent.
- "Green Energy Virumbuvom" - Ten week mega awareness campaign was conducted. 4 lakhs school students in 750 schools participated in various competitions on Renewable Energy. State Level Winners were awarded Renewable Energy gadgets. 6,720 students received prizes.
- Seminar cum workshop on Solar-Wind Hybrid System at 10 cities for educational Institutions to create awareness was conducted in which 532 colleges participated. As a result, TEDA has submitted proposals for 1.25 MW hybrid systems to MNRE as against less than 1 MW submitted by rest of the country, for the first time in the country.
- RENERGY 2012- An International Conference & Expo organized by TEDA which had a phenomenal success with 105 exhibitors, 1,400 conference delegates and about 10,000 visitors.

Prohibition and Excise

- 8 distilleries in Tamil Nadu have been permitted to produce ethanol. The requirement of ethanol for Tamil Nadu for the period 15.05.2012 to 30.9.2012 has been determined as 3.37 crores litres and it will be procured at 8 locations. Sugar mills would earn additional revenue from the production of ethanol. Hence the benefit will accrue to the sugar cane growers in turn.
- The Rehabilitation Fund that was sanctioned as loan in the previous years to rehabilitate the erstwhile prohibition offenders has been enhanced to Rs.5 crores and released as a Grant. This scheme is being implemented with the aim of eradicating the menace of illicit distillation and the consequential deleterious effects.
- Number of dry days for TASMAC retail shops has been increased from 5 to 8 with effect from 03.01.2012. Accordingly there will be no sale of liquor on Gandhi Jayanthi, Thiruvalluvar Day, Mahavir Jayanthi, Birth Day of Nabigal Nayagam, Vallalar Ninaivu Naal, Independence Day, Republic Day and May Day.
- Awareness campaigns are being conducted all over the State, with the twin objectives of creating awareness to prevent people from becoming addicts to drinking and weaning away those who are already addicted to this habit. The Government have sanctioned Rs.1 crore for this purpose.

GOOD GOVERNANCE IN LOCAL BODIES

**Hon'ble Minister for
Municipal Administration and Rural Development**

Thiru. K. P. Munusamy

❖ The Government of Tamil Nadu has launched two path breaking funding schemes for Urban Infrastructure development i.e., the Chennai Mega City Development Mission (CMCD) for Chennai and its suburban areas and the Integrated Urban Development Mission (IUDM) for all other Corporations,

Water Treatment Plant - Coimbatore - Pillur II Water Supply Scheme

Municipalities and Town Panchayats. A sum of Rs.500 crores was provided for the Chennai Mega City Development Mission and Rs.750 crores for the Integrated Urban Development Mission.

Commissionerate of Municipal Administration

- A sum of Rs.506.48 crores has been sanctioned under Integrated Urban Development Mission for infrastructure works in 9 Corporations and 125 Municipalities.
- Under Urban Road Infrastructure Fund, works have been taken up to lay 584.395 kms of roads at a cost Rs.217.11 crores in 35 Urban Local Bodies.
- Road works for a length of 196.02 kms using plastic waste technology have been taken up at a cost of Rs.34.26 crores in 119 Municipalities and 9 Corporations.
- As a measure to protect the environment, construction of 12 Modern Gasifier Crematorium has been taken up in 10 Municipalities and 2 Corporations at an estimated cost of Rs.6.00 crores.

- Construction of 9 Modern slaughter houses has been taken up at an estimated cost of 3.30 crores in 3 Corporations and 4 Municipalities.
- Renovation of Buckle Odai in Thoothukudi Corporation at a stretch of 1.98 kms has been taken up at a cost of Rs.6.00 crores.
- Construction of 68 disabled-friendly public toilets has been taken up in 9 corporations at a cost of Rs.1.37 crores.

Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board

- Under Rural Water Supply Scheme, 6,000 habitations have been provided with water supply.
- Under Special Programme, water supply was provided to 3,447 nos. of Government Schools, 1,390 Anganwadis and 229 Government Hostels.
- 769 Recharge structures such as Check Dams and Recharge Shafts have been completed.
- Water supply schemes to 72 Sri Lankan Refugee camps have been completed.
- Rural Water Supply Programmes were taken up under the Government of India and Tamil Nadu State funds at a cost of Rs.287.61 crores and Rs.465.39 crores respectively.
- Water Supply Schemes to 13 towns (1 Municipality and 12 Town Panchayats) namely Rasipuram Municipality, Kuthalam, Katpadi, Gandhi Nagar, Ganguvarpatti, Thittacheri, Keeranur, Sankarapuram, Chengam, Pudupalayam, Gingee, Sithayankottai and Labbaikudikadu Town Panchayats were completed at an estimated cost of Rs.39.33 crores benefiting a population of 2.01 lakhs.
- Two Underground drainage schemes completed at Chinnamanur and Maraimalai Nagar Municipalities benefiting a population of 38,360 and 48,463 respectively.
- Hogenakkal water supply and fluorosis mitigation project is under progress. So far 57% of works have been completed. Total expenditure incurred is Rs.891 crores.

Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board

- Under Chennai Mega City Development Mission, Rs.189.10 crores has been sanctioned to take up water supply and sewerage improvement works in Chennai City.
- The work of providing water supply to Porur Town Panchayat has been completed at a cost of Rs.12.94 crores which will benefit a population of 1.30 lakhs.
- The construction of 60 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant at Perungudi has been completed at a cost of Rs. 61.19 crores.

Directorate of Town Panchayats

- Under Integrated Urban Development Mission, 4,940 works covering various sectors have been taken up at a cost of Rs.250.80 crores benefiting 529 Town Panchayats.
- Construction of 20 Office Buildings has been taken up at a cost of Rs.5.49 crores.
- Water supply improvement works in 13 Town Panchayats have been taken up at a cost of Rs.2.92 crores.
- Under Tamil Nadu Urban Road Infrastructure Fund, 440 road works to a length of 296.469 Km in 339 Town Panchayats have been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs 51.55 crores.
- Relaying of 108.756 km of roads using plastic waste have been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.18.00 crores in 94 Town Panchayats.
- 264 posts have been filled up in the category of Junior Assistant / Bill Collector / Conservancy Workers.
- A sum of Rs.23.10 crores has been allocated under Swarna Jayanthi Sahari Rozgar Yojana Scheme to provide skill development training, self employment and wage employment to the urban poor.
- Municipalika-10th International Conference on "Good Urban Governance for Safe, Healthy, Green, Smart and Inclusive Cities" has been held at Chennai from 23rd to 25th January 2012.

- Construction of 645 sanitary complexes at a cost of Rs. 44.15 crores in 238 Town Panchayats was taken up to eradicate open defecation. Apart from this, 697 existing sanitary complexes are being renovated at a cost of Rs.11.09 crores.
- E-toilet was constructed on a pilot basis in Kanyakumari at a cost of Rs.8.40 lakhs for the first time in Tamil Nadu.
- Mamallapuram Town Panchayat was chosen as one of the finalists in the BBC World Challenge Contest-2011 for its Waste to Energy - Bio-Gas Project.

Corporation of Chennai

- Under Chennai Mega City Development Mission, Rs.333.27 crores has been sanctioned for integrated development of roads with storm water drains, ducts, street lights and street furniture.
- 615 no. of new Street Lamp Posts were erected for street lighting at a cost of Rs.95.00 lakhs and installation of 2,718 Nos. of new Lamp Posts at a cost of Rs.5.0 crores is under progress.

Office Building - Tiruppur Corporation

- ❖ As a part of energy saving measure, 1,016 nos of Street lights with induction lamps were provided at a cost of Rs.2.00 crores.
- ❖ 118 no. of Bus Route Roads to a length of 77.35 kms were taken up for improvement at a cost of Rs.50.21 crores.
- ❖ Two Dialysis centers were opened and 74 Semi Auto Analysers were purchased at a cost of Rs.40.07 lakhs and given to all Urban Primary Health Centres.
- ❖ The Public Health Department of COC has conducted raids all over Chennai city and seized about 2 tonnes of plastic bags below 40 microns and destroyed.
- ❖ Deworming programme for 5 Lakhs Chennai school children was carried out.

- ❖ Under Storm Water Drain Scheme, work has been completed in 77 locations to a length of 9.68 kms at a cost of Rs.29.83 crores. Presently, work in 223 locations to a length of 130.96 kms at an estimated cost of Rs. 259.80 crores is in progress.
- ❖ From 02-01-2012 onwards Sundal is being given as a refreshment every day to 16,332 students of 10th & 12th Std to learn in the evening special class actively. This Scheme is also extended to 304 Students of 5 Schools in the extended areas.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPARTMENT

Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green House Scheme

- Administrative sanction have been accorded for 60,000 houses with an estimate cost of Rs.1,080 crores during 2011-12.
- Each house measuring about 300 sq.ft with an Unit cost of Rs.1.80 lakhs including the Solar Powered House Lighting Component is under construction.
- The Allocation for ST: 1%, SC: 29%, & Others : 70%

Tamil Nadu Village Habitations Improvement (THAI) Scheme

- Out of 79,394 habitations in 12,524 Village Panchayats, 25,335 habitations in 2,020 Village Panchayats have been taken up for implementation during the year 2011-12.
- A sum of Rs.680.00 crores has been sanctioned for implementation of the THAI Scheme including Rs.27.30 crores for IEC Component.
- Habitation wise online database has been created (www.tnrd.gov.in).
- Administrative sanction accorded for 68,232 works at an estimate cost of Rs.680.00 crores. So far 13464 works have been completed and the remaining are under progress and scheduled to be completed by June 2012.

Integrated Sanitary Complexes for Women

- 12,811 Integrated Sanitary Complexes for Women have been renovated.
- Government sanctioned a sum of Rs.170 crores under the Rural Buildings Maintenance and Renovation Scheme for 2011-12.
- User groups have been formed for maintenance and management of IWSCs and the renovated Sanitary Complexes have been handed over to User Groups.

Clean Village Campaign

- Government have revived the Clean Village Campaign during the year 2011-12 and a sum of Rs.1.55 crores has been allocated for the implementation of the scheme.
- 31 Village Panchayats will be selected for an Award which will be given on August 15, 2012.

- All the 31 Panchayats selected for the award would get Rs.5 lakhs as incentive amount and a certificate.

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)

- Total Rural Households covered are 1.05 crores, out of which 73.23 lakhs have been registered so far.
- Individuals provided with job cards are 1.15 crores. Total Expenditure for 2011-12 is 3,000 crores.
- Total man days so far generated are 33.00 crores.
- Minimum wage prescribed under MGNREGS is Rs.119/- which is raised to Rs.132 for the year 2012-13.
- Average Wage rate increased from Rs.70/- to Rs.110/-.

NABARD-Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)

- 451 road works for the total length of 1,269.657 kms have been completed at a cost of Rs.145.23 crores.
- Though NABARD had sanctioned Rs. 143 Crore for the year 2011-12 under NABARD XVII, an additional special allocation of Rs.315 crores was also sanctioned based on the performance of RD Department.
- The additional allocation would improve 637 roads for a length of 1,729.28 Km.

BT Roads using Plastic wastes

- 45 road works for a length 110.21 kms at an estimated cost of Rs.9.00 crores have been taken up and so far 25 road works totalling 60.84 Kms have been completed.
- A sum of Rs.80 lakhs has been sanctioned for establishing 10 collection and processing centres of plastic waste through SHGs.

Comprehensive School Infrastructure Development Scheme

- A sum of Rs.100 crores has been sanctioned for 2011-2012.
- CSIDS will be taken up in the Village Panchayats selected for implementation of THAI scheme for the year 2011-12.
- Works have been identified based on the THAI survey.

Indira Awaas Yojana

- The state Government has increased the RCC roofing cost from Rs.30,000/- to Rs.55,000/- thereby increasing the overall State Government contribution to Rs.66,250 within the unit cost of Rs.1,00,000.
- Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.1,005.53 crores for the construction of 1,00,553 houses in Tamil Nadu during 2011-12.
- So far, 92,566 houses have been constructed and the balance are in various stages of construction.

Member of Legislative Assembly Constituency Development Scheme

- Allocation per MLA has been enhanced from Rs.1.75 crores to Rs.2.00 crores per year.
- A sum of Rs.470.00 crores have been sanctioned for the year 2011-12.

- So far 14,121 works have been taken up and 1,417 works have been completed. The remaining works are in various stages of progress.

Self Sufficiency Scheme

- "Self Sufficiency Scheme" is implemented in both rural & urban areas for creating basic infrastructure facilities with public participation.
- The minimum public contribution for any of the identified work should be one third of the estimated cost.
- Government have sanctioned Rs. 100 crores for the year 2011-12.
- Totally 1,408 works have been taken up.

Energisation of Street light

- 1,00,000 street lights will be energised with solar power in 1,000 Village Panchayats over a period of 5 years upto 2016.
- Rs.52.50 crores has been sanctioned for energisation of 20,000 street lights with solar power in Village Panchayats during the financial year 2011-12.
- This replacement work will be executed by the Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency.

Panchayat Election 2011

- Elections to rural Local Bodies was conducted successfully in October, 2011.
- 1,19,399 newly elected representatives have assumed office.

State Finance Commission Grant:

- Rs.3,332.46 crores has been sanctioned as State Finance Commission Grant during 2011-12 to the Rural Local Bodies.
- Ratio of distribution between Village Panchayat, Panchayat Union and District Panchayat is 60:32:8.

Pooled Assigned Revenue

- Government allotted Rs.532.42 crores for 2011- 12.
- 2/3rd amount to the tune of Rs.354.95 crores has been apportioned among the rural Local Bodies viz., Village Panchayat and Panchayat Unions in the ratio of 67:33.
- 1/3rd amount to the tune of Rs.177.48 crores has been allocated for "Fund for the Priority Schemes in the rural areas".

Thirteenth Finance Commission Grant

- Government have released Rs.352.62 crores as basic grant to the Village Panchayats.
- This amount would be utilized for the operation and maintenance of Water Supply, Street Light, Sanitation and Payment of Electricity and water supply Charges.

TamilNadu Corporation For Development Of Women

- Under Mahalir Thittam 5,56,311 Self Help Groups have been formed with 85.70 Lakh women as members and are having a total savings of Rs.3,374.60 crores.
- 4.85 lakhs SHGs have been linked to banks for credit to the tune of Rs.15,633.83 crores.
- So far 65,000 SHGs have been formed during the year 2011-12.
- Revolving fund subsidy at the cost of Rs. 15,000/- each has been released to 22,214 SHGs and Rs.10,000/- each to 17,050 SHGs during the year 2011-12.
- As on 30.04.2012, credit linkages to the tune of Rs.4,030.00 crores provided to SHGs.
- 2,230 Panchayat Level Federations have been graded and provided with incentives of Rs.1.00 lakh each.
- So far, 272 SLFs have been formed during the year 2011-12, of which 138 SLFs have been Graded and provided with incentive Rs.1.00 lakh each.
- Skill Training have been imparted to 25,000 youth.

- Enterprise Development Training has been imparted to 4,081 women.
- Cultural competitions have been organized for SHG members at Block and District levels.

Pudhu Vaazhvu Project

- Village Poverty Reduction Committees (VPRC) has been constituted in all 2,509 village Panchayats.
- 334 SHGs have been formed among women and youth.
- 119 SHGs have been formed among the Differently abled.
- 14,093 Differently abled and vulnerable persons have been given financial assistance to start livelihood activities.
- 25,330 youth have benefitted from skill training.
- 40,730 youth are gainfully employed.
- 82 Panchayat Level Federations have been restructured.
- Rs. 92.81 crores has been released for livelihood corpus.
- 1,545 Common Livelihood Groups have been formed.
- 2,795 Newly formed & differently abled SHGs have received Revolving Fund.
- SHGs have received first instalment financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 17.2 crores.
- 3,604 SHGs have been given second dose of credit to the tune of Rs. 46.48 crores.
- The Project has assisted 2,743 severely differently abled persons to receive maintenance grant.
- 5,251 Differently abled persons have received aids and appliances.
- 17,338 aged persons to get old age pension.
- The Project initiates its entry level activities in the 50 most backward blocks of 10 more Districts (Ariyalur, Dharmapuri, Dindugal, Karur, Krishnagiri, Madurai, Perambalur, Pudukkottai, Sivagangai, and Viruthunagar).

Tsunami Rehabilitation Programmes

- Tsunami Project Implementation Unit (TPIU) is implementing the Tsunami Rehabilitation Projects in 11 coastal districts.
- Emergency Tsunami Reconstruction Project – Vulnerability Reduction of Coastal Communities Project (ETRP-VRCCP) was formulated with the financial assistance of the World Bank.
- The Scheme is to ensure vulnerability reduction of coastal communities and to reconstruct vulnerable houses in the Tsunami affected areas at an outlay of Rs.670 crores.
- Under the component "Reconstruction of vulnerable houses" 15,056 vulnerable houses lying between 200 Mtrs to 1,000 Mtrs from the High Tide Line (HTL) were identified for reconstruction, which were grouped into 157 packages in 11 coastal districts.
- As on date, 8,341 houses have been completed.
- An expenditure of Rs.358.49 crores has been incurred.
- The construction of evacuation routes with signage along the coastal areas to provide 'easy escape' to the safer shelters in times of emergencies, has been taken up for 44 kms at an estimated cost of Rs.25 crores.
- Similarly under Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package (RGRP), Reconstruction of vulnerable houses between 0–200 meters from the High Tide Line was one of the components.
- Under RGRP, 665 houses have been completed in Pudukkottai District and the remaining 437 houses are in advanced stages which will be completed before 31.5.2012.

IFAD assisted PTSLP

- 498 Community Infrastructure works at an estimated cost of Rs.1,752.91 lakhs have been completed under Coastal Area Resource Management Component.

- Training for Trainers (ToT) and training to communities on Insurance Products have been given in 21 pilot panchayats. 20,077 people have been enrolled under various insurance policies.
- 1,570 SHGs have availed credit amount of Rs.2,646.00 lakhs.
- 28 Cluster Resource Centres (CRCs) have been connected with Email and Internet facilities.
- 56 Micro Enterprises were developed at a total project cost of Rs.290.02 lakhs.
- 3,058 beneficiaries were taken on Community Exchange visit.
- 2,120 beneficiaries have availed Rs.81.86 lakhs under Vulnerability Reduction Fund.
- Training on post harvest activities has been given to 288 fisherwomen. 140 fisherwomen were taken on exposure visit.
- 405 fishermen have been redeemed from debt of Rs.85.30 lakhs.

HOUSES FOR THE POOR - WELL PLANNED URBAN AREAS

Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Development
Thiru. R. Vaithilingam

Tamil Nadu Housing Board

- Orders have been issued for a 3% reservation for Differently Abled persons in TNHB Allotments.
- Work is completed in 1,376 housing units. Work has now been undertaken in 7,492 more units.
- The sale price has been finalised in respect of 6,394 tenements in Erode, Salem, Coimbatore, Madurai and Hosur.
- The upset price for 1,587 commercial plots across Tamil Nadu has been fixed.
- A sale proceed of Rs.37.07 crores for 93 commercial plots and Rs.556.67 crores for 5,287 tenements across Tamil Nadu has been realised.
- Sale Deeds have been issued to 18,866 eligible allottees.
- 9.73 acres of land worth Rs.60.30 crores in Padi, Thiruvanmiyur, Nesapakkam, Madhuravoyal, Sevvapettai, Ambattur, Thirumullaivayal,
- Satellite Township proposed in Thirumazhisai to construct 12,000 Houses at a cost of Rs.2,160 crores.

- ❖ Mugappair, Kodungayur, Salem, Tirunelveli and Hosur have been retrieved from encroachments.
- ❖ After a long time 93 technical and 185 non-technical staff have been given promotions.

Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board

- ❖ Construction of 628 tenements at a cost of Rs.36 crores for Tsunami Victims at Chennai Nochi Nagar is nearing completion; construction of 2,048 tenements at a cost of Rs.106.11 crores at Okkiyam Thuraipaakam, is in progress.
- ❖ Construction of 1,821 tenements at Sulur, Erode, Hosur, Namakkal, Tirunelveli and Chennai at a cost of Rs.71.43 crores have commenced. Administrative sanction has been issued for construction of 2,882 tenements at Chennai, Vandavasi, Thoothukudi, Tiruchirapalli, Srirangam, Orathanadu and Ramanathapuram at a cost of Rs.145.11 crores.
- ❖ 108 tenements have been built at a cost of Rs.3.16 crores at Sulur (Coimbatore) and 400 tenements have been built at a cost of Rs.10.50 crores at Yerumaipalayam (Salem).

- 2,567 tenements have been alloted for families living in Urban Slum area. Sale deeds have been given to owners of 2,618 housing units.

Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority

- Administrative sanction has been given for two Satellite Inter city Bus Terminals, one at Velachery in a site near the MRTS station measuring about 12 acres and the other at Madhavaram in a site within MBTT measuring 8.0 acres, to ease traffic congestion in the Chennai Mofussil Bus Terminal (CMBT) at Koyambedu.

- A new project is to be implemented for locating a Large Container Truck Parking Yard at Manjambakkam in a 12 acre area at an estimated cost of Rs.20 crores. It can accommodate 400 container trucks at a time and will relieve congestion caused by the parking of trucks along the GNT Road and IRR near Madhavaram.

Directorate of Town and Country Planning

- A grant of Rs.1.14 crores has been released to 6 heritage towns viz., Velankanni, Viralimalai, Thirumayam, Thiruvannamalai, Thiruvakkarai and Tharangampadi under Heritage Town Development Programme.

- A grant of Rs.94.01 lakhs has been released to Gudiyatham, Kovilpatti, Rajapalayam, Pattukkottai, Madurantagam, Padmanabapuram, Arani and Nammakkal municipalities under traffic improvement programme.

- A grant of Rs.3.40 lakhs for improvement of the existing parks in Sattur and Thiruvarur under park improvement programme has been sanctioned.
- Promotion committee constituted for infrastructural projects approved 6 major infrastructure proposals worth Rs.207.35 crores.
- Laying of water pipeline from Chembarambakkam to Poonamalle bye-pass road at a cost of Rs. 40 Crores.
- Rs.33.62 crores have been alloted for the upgradation of Koyambedu wholesale market complex.
- Notification for the expansion of Kancheepuram Local Planning Authority area has been issued for the preparation of a Master Plan for the entire expanded area.
- Government issued orders for the conversion of single local planning area, into composite local planning areas in Kovilpatti, Rajapalayam, Gobichettipalayam and Dharmapuri.
- Preparation/ review of micro level plan has been taken up and 40 Detailed Development Plans have been completed.
- To facilitate better planning, Orders have been issued for the extension of single local planning authority at Rajapalayam, Gopichettipalayam, Kovilpatti and Dharmapuri by including adjoining villages.
- Under the Traffic Improvement Projects Programme, Government have issued orders to increase the grant component to Rs.1.00 crores from Rs.50.00 lakhs for each Municipal Corporation and to Rs.50.00 lakhs from Rs.25.00 lakhs for each Municipality as 75% share of Tamil Nadu Town and Country Planning Development Fund.
- Under the Programme for improvement of Park and Play fields, Government have issued orders to increase the grant component released from Tamil Nadu Town and Country Planning Development Fund to Urban Local Bodies from Rs.2.25 lakhs to Rs.10.00 lakhs.
- Under the Programme for implementation of Heritage Town Development, Government have issued orders to increase the grant from the Tamil Nadu

Town and Country Planning Development Fund from Rs.50.00 lakhs to Rs.1.00 crores for each Town.

Registrar of Co-operative Societies (Housing)

- G.O. has been issued for enhanced interest waiver from 50% to 75% in the case of Low Income Group (LIG); 25% to 50% in the case of Middle Income Group (MIG); and 10% to 25% in the case of High Income Group. The penal interest will be waived completely. This will cost Rs.390 crores to Government as interest loss and Rs.545 crores to co-operatives. It will be inforce up to 30.9.2012. This will provide relief to 1.14 lakhs beneficiaries and enable the collection of Rs.665 crores overdues to these Co-operative Housing Societies.

A YEAR FULL OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare
Tmt. B. Valarmathi

- With a view to lit up the life of the poor girls and to improve their educational status, 4 grams of Gold is given for making "thirumangalyam" along with the assistance of Rs.25,000/- per beneficiary under the 5 existing Marriage

Assistance Schemes; and for graduates/diploma holders Rs.50,000 along with 4 grams of gold are given. Gold coins are purchased only through the nationalized banks.

❖ Under 5 marriage assistance schemes, as on 29.4.2012, 34,345 Graduate/Diploma beneficiaries were, paid cash assistance of Rs.50,000 along with 4 grams gold coin and 86,676 non graduate beneficiaries were paid cash assistance of Rs.25,000 along with 4 grams gold coin. This includes 41 beneficiaries belonging to Sri Lankan Tamils residing in camps in Tamil Nadu. A sum of Rs. 658.91 crores has been spent for 1,21,021 beneficiaries so far. Under the old scheme 61,821 beneficiaries have been given a sum of Rs. 25,000 each.

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced a new scheme for economic empowerment of transgenders wherein bank loans upto Rs.15 lakhs with 25% subsidy are provided for taking up income generation activities by Transgenders Self Help Groups.

- As per the announcement of Hon'ble Chief Minister, 51 Transgender Self Help Groups have been sanctioned with various projects worth Rs.2.20 crores involving 25% subsidy of Rs.55 lakhs and Rs.1.65 crores as bank loan.

- To encourage young girls to pursue higher education, financial assistance of Rs.50,000/- per annum for pursuing professional courses and Rs.30,000/- for Degree and Diploma courses is being provided from the year 2011 for the ex-inmates of 7 Service homes and 27 Children Homes. Under this scheme 167 girl students have been benefitted and Rs.52.30 lakhs has been spent.

- For the welfare of Girl Children, this Government, under Chief Minister's Girl Child Protection Scheme has increased financial assistance from Rs. 22,200 to Rs.50,000 under Scheme-I and from Rs.15,200 to Rs.25,000 under scheme-II. 175 girl children have been benefitted as on date. The Scheme has been extended to Sri Lankan Tamils residing in camps in Tamil Nadu and 30 girl children in the camps have been benefited under the scheme.

- The Cradle Baby Scheme has been extended to 5 more Districts viz., Thiruvannamalai, Cuddalore, Villupuram, Perambalur and Ariyalur where decreasing trend in the Child Sex ratio is recorded. Reception centres were opened in the district hospitals at a cost of Rs.33.20 lakhs. They are functioning from November 2011. From 25.7.2011 to 31.3.2012, Twenty Four babies have been saved (7 male and 17 female babies)

- The Government has issued orders raising the monthly pension under various Social Security Pension Schemes from Rs.500/- to Rs 1,000/- with effect from May 2011. Accordingly, the enhanced pension of Rs.1,000/- per month is being given to 26.82 lakhs beneficiaries.

- Disbursement of Social Security Pension by opening no frill bank accounts of the beneficiaries using Bio-metric enabled Smart Cards in three taluks namely, Kattumanarkoil Taluk (Cuddalore District), Manapparai Taluk (Tiruchirappalli District) and Thovalai Taluk (Kanniyakumari District) as a Pilot project.

- The Government has issued orders extending the Social Security Pension Scheme to Sri Lankan Tamils living in the refugee camps. 4,416 eligible Sri Lankan Tamils are getting Pension of Rs.1,000/- per month w.e.f. 01.09.2011.

- The Government has issued orders for formation of Committee consisting of the Tahsildar (Social Security Schemes), Zonal Deputy Tahsildar and Revenue Inspector to scrutinise and expedite approval of Social Security Pension applications. Applications are received by the Village Administrative Officer every Monday in the village. Under this scheme, 4,50,873 new beneficiaries have been selected and benefited.

- The Government has issued orders to implement the revised norms of the Government of India lowering the age limit from 65 to 60 years under the

ongoing Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme. As per the revised norms of the Scheme an additional 5.36 lakhs beneficiaries will be covered. Under this scheme 2 lakhs beneficiaries are benefitted as on date.

- The Government have issued orders extending the Pilot Project of disbursement of social security pension through banks, using bio metric smart cards to other areas of the State in three phases.

- Orders were issued for carrying out major repair works in 6,202 centres and minor repair works in 10,602 centres that are functioning in Govt. buildings at an estimated cost of Rs. 123.93 crores and also for Construction of 20,244 baby friendly toilets in Anganwadi Centres at a cost of Rs. 36.43 crores. Action is also taken for electrification of 20,558 Anganwadi Centres including provision of one ceiling fan and Tube light at a cost of Rs. 12.34 crores.

- Orders were issued for the construction of 15,313 Anganwadi centres presently functioning in private rented buildings.
- Under modernization, 3,232 Anganwadi Centres are being provided with gas connection, gas stove, cooker at a total value of Rs.211.80 lakhs.
- Steel storage bins have been provided to 2,200 Anganwadi centers at a total cost of Rs.26.40 lakhs.
- Under Integrated Child Development Services Scheme the weaning food is being supplied at a total cost of Rs.342.33 crores, to 15.60 lakhs children of 6 months to 36 months, 5.55 lakhs pregnant women and lactating mothers and 3.71 lakhs adolescent girls.

- The work is in progress to increase amenities in 26 homes functioning under Directorate of Social Defence at a total cost of Rs.2.60 crores benefitting 2450 children. To store life saving drugs and vital medicines and perishable food articles such as eggs, non-vegetarian food, milk and greens, Refrigerator was provided to all the institutions functioning under the Department of Social Defence at the cost of Rs.6.50 lakhs.
- The construction of compound walls at 4 children homes and a special home at Chengalpattu at a cost of Rs. 2.10 crores is in progress benefitting around 800 children.
- For training of children / Women in the Protective Homes on modern trades like videography, computer, cell phone servicing etc., Rs.43.11 lakhs was sanctioned benefitting 1,200 children / women and training is being provided.
- To improve the safety and security of children, surveillance and security equipments are to be installed in Government Observation Home, and Government Special Home, Chengalpattu at a total cost of Rs.35.18 lakhs, benefiting children.
- The construction of New Dormitory Building for juveniles residing in Government Special Home for Boys, Chengalpattu at a cost of Rs.30.80 lakhs is in progress benefitting 100 children/ Women.
- Washing machines have been provided for the benefit of children residing in Government Children Homes at Royapuram, Thanjavur, Ranipet, Mallipudur and Panchapalli at a total expenditure of Rs.17.50 lakhs.
- Welcome kits are being provided to children on admission in 9 Government Reception Units at a total cost of Rs.9.00 lakhs benefitting 450 children.
- To provide uninterrupted power supply during power failure, a sum of Rs.13.10 lakhs was sanctioned to provide one 100 KVA Automatic Diesel Genset to Government Observation Home, Chennai
- To strengthen the Directorate of Social Defence, two networking printer cum Xerox machine was provided at a cost of Rs.5.00 lakhs.

- In order to channelize the energy of the inmates in a constructive way and to help them develop soft skills like Sportsmanship, leadership, etc., sports articles were provided to 26 institutions functioning under Directorate of Social Defence at the rate of Rs.5,000/- per annum to each institution at a recurring expenditure of Rs.1.30 lakhs.

- To provide additional shelters to poor children like street children, run-away children or rag pickers, etc., an additional open shelter was opened in Chennai by involving an NGO. The poor children will be provided with food, shelter, clothing and informal education at a total expenditure of Rs.6.27 lakhs.

- 27 persons have been appointed on Compassionate grounds, 186 persons were appointed directly through TNPSC and 14 persons were promoted. Totally 227 persons were given appointment.

- 3 persons through TNPSC and 9 persons on direct recruitment through employment exchange were given appointment. Totally 12 persons were given appointment.

- Out of 54,439 Anganwadi Centres in Tamil Nadu, 16,645 Anganwadi Centres have been provided with pollution free kitchen. Out of 37,794 Anganwadi Centres, 5000 Anganwadi Centres will be provided with gas stoves, gas connection and pressure cookers during 2012-13 at an estimate of Rs.3.20 crores.

- Two sets of coloured uniforms will be provided to attract the children to take nutritious food and also to get pre-primary, non-formal education among the children aged 2-5 years which will be implemented in 5 Districts in the first phase to benefit 2,01,032 Anganwadi children at an estimate of Rs.4.30 crores.

- From 2012-13, school children benefited under PT MGR NMP will be given 4 sets uniform instead of 2 sets given now. To complete the stitching work in time and to provide more salary to members, 54,000 sewing machines at a cost of Rs.54.00 Crore will be purchased through loan from Central Co-op. banks with the financial support of 10% from Government for Women Tailoring Industrial Co-operative Societies.

Rehabilitation of the Differently Abled

- Monthly Maintenance Allowance given to the persons with severe disability / mental retardation / muscular dystrophy was enhanced from Rs.500/- to Rs.1,000/-. 76,407 persons are benefiting under this scheme at a cost of Rs.92.28 crores. Under this scheme, based on the request from districts, an additional amount of Rs.4.38 crores has been allocated to benefit 13,894 persons.
- Marriage Assistance of Rs.25,000/- and 4 grams Gold for making Thirumangalyam is given to the normal persons marrying Visually Impaired / Orthopeadically Impaired / Hearing Impaired person .
- If the marrying Differently Abled Person is a Diploma Holder or Graduate he/she will be given Marriage Assistance of Rs.50,000/- with 4 grams Gold Coin for making Thirumangalyam.
- The Ceiling of 490 beneficiaries fixed for availing Marriage Assistance is withdrawn and all eligible applicants will be given marriage Assistance.
- The backlog of 3240 petitions pending over the year 2002-2003 to 2009-2010 under this marriage assistance scheme due to inadequate allocation was cleared in one time through an additional allocation of Rs.6.75 crores.
- Cash Award and assistance to higher education is given to the Hearing Impaired students of 10th and 12th Standard who scores first three ranks in State / District level at a cost of Rs.35.70 lakhs.
- Free Vocational Training Programme (Modular Employment Skill) is conducted in all the 32 Districts at the Govt. and Private Industrial Training Institutes with Lodging and Boarding facilities at a cost of Rs.74.88 lakhs. 2,400 Differently Abled persons will be benefited.
- New Building with Modernized kitchen will be constructed for inmates of three Government Rehabilitation Homes at Paranur, Ya. Puduppatti and Pudukkottai at a cost of Rs.5.21 crores.
- Retrofitted Petrol Scooters will be distributed to the 400 persons for whom both legs were affected at a cost of Rs.2.00 crores.

- Behind the Ear Hearing Aids will be given to to 1000 Children with Hearing Impairment at a cost of Rs.1.00 crore.
- 20 Early Intervention Centers have been functioning for the Visually Impaired children in the age group of 0-6 years from 1.1.2012 in 20 Districts at a cost of Rs. 2 crores.
- The Government have issued orders to start 20 Special Homes for Mentally Retarded men and women (ten each) at a cost of Rs.2.00 crores. 1000 Mentally Retarded men and women will be benefited under this Scheme.
- High Level Committee was constituted as ordered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to Government to monitor the implementation of 3% reservation to the Differently Abled Persons in Government employment.
- Age limit of 45 is reduced to 18 years to avail old age pension by the Differently Abled Persons.

EXCELLENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education
Thiru. P. Palaniappan

- 11 Arts and Science Colleges have been opened during the academic year 2011-2012 in the areas where the reach of higher education is less.
- Necessary legislation has been enacted for merging of Anna Universities of Technology with Anna University, Chennai.

- The minimum eligibility norms for admission to Engineering Colleges as fixed by the Government of Tamil Nadu in the previous year have been followed under Single Window System for 2011-2012 also.

- Students studying in Government/Government Aided Arts & Science Colleges/Polytechnic/Engineering Colleges have been provided with laptops at no cost.

- Fees for professional courses like BE, B.Tech and P.G. courses like MBA, MCA was fixed at the same level as last year.

- Transfers of non- teaching staff of colleges under the control of DCE and DTE through the transparent counselling method was introduced for the first time from the academic year 2011-2012.

- The Committee to enquire into complaints against collection of capitation fee and charging tuition fees higher than that prescribed has been reconstituted with academicians of excellence.

- Inter-Seniority list of the Assistant Professors working in the Government Arts and Science College and B.Ed Colleges had been prepared using a heuristic algorithm for the first time.

- A new Government Engineering College will be established during the year 2012-2013 at Melachockanathapuram, Bodinayakkanur in Theni District. For this, an administrative sanction of Rs. 93.64 crores has been accorded.

- With regard to the establishment of an Indian Institute of Information Technology at Tiruchi, land has been identified at Sethurapatti village, Srirangam Taluk and the proposals are under speedy process.

- The children of Sri Lankan refugees in Tamil Nadu have been permitted for the first time to participate in counselling for admission to Lateral Entry for B.E./B.Tech. and for Post Graduate courses viz. MBA/MCA/ M.E./M.Tech from the academic year 2011-2012.

- First Generation students have been exempted from payment of Tuition fees. By this 1,57,176 Graduate students have been benefited and a sum of Rs.299.28 crores has been spent. A sum of Rs.477.97 crores has been allotted for 2012-13. This scheme has been extended to the eligible wards of Sri Lankan refugees.

- Financial assistance of Rs. 23 lakhs has been given to 92 poor students at the rate of Rs. 25,000/- each to enable them to continue B.E / B.Tech. courses.

- Consolidated pay to the Guest Lecturers who are handling shift II classes in Government Arts & Science Colleges and all staff working on hourly basis / part-time basis in Regular Courses / Shift System/ Evening Classes in Polytechnic Colleges and Special Institutions have been enhanced from Rs. 6000/- to Rs.10,000/-.

- Orders have been issued (a) to establish Smart Class rooms with Video Conference facilities in 10 Universities at a cost of Rs. 2.00 crores (b) to implement the scheme of establishment of Foreign Language Labs to enable the students to become proficient in Foreign languages viz. English, French, German and Chinese in 10 Universities at a cost of Rs. 1.50 crores, (c) to implement the scheme of establishment of Entrepreneurship cum Skill Development in 10 Universities to train students for profitable self employment / gainful employment at a cost of Rs. 2.00 crores, (d) to invite renowned professors from Foreign universities to train the faculty / students / research scholars in 10 Universities at a cost of Rs. 1.00 crore and (e) to implement the scheme of establishment of Curriculum Development Cell to enrich our existing curriculum to International Standards through cross pollination of ideas from distinguished professors / experts of International repute from other countries in 10 Universities at a cost of Rs. 10.00 crores.

- New courses have been started in 34 Government Arts & Science Colleges in this academic year. In continuation of this, orders have been issued to fill up 145 post of Assistant Professors in the next 3 years.

- Computers and accessories have been provided in 23 Government Arts & Science Colleges at a cost of Rs. 3.19 crore.
- 20 additional class rooms in 5 Government Engineering Colleges will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 1.50 Crores.
- 20 additional class rooms in 8 Government Polytechnic Colleges will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 1.50 Crores.
- Orders have been issued for filling up of 1025 vacant posts of Assistant Professors in Government Arts, Science and Educational Colleges, 154 vacant posts of Assistant Professors in Government Engineering Colleges and 139 lecturers in Government Polytechnic Colleges.
- A sum of Rs. 40 lakhs has been sanctioned to Tamil Nadu Archives for purchase of equipments to preserve the records of Archives.
- A sum of Rs. 15 lakhs has been sanctioned to Tamil Nadu Science and Technology Centre, Chennai for modernization of B.M.Birla Planetarium, Chennai by providing six segment multimedia projection system.
- 11 New University constituent Arts & Science Colleges will be opened during the academic year 2012-2013. Action is being taken for opening 2 New Engineering colleges and 7 Polytechnic colleges.
- A sum of Rs.100 Crores will be sanctioned for providing modern infrastructure facilities like, furniture to Lecturers and Students, digital Black Boards, Language Labs, Library Books for respective Departments, Computerization of Library Books, basic amenities etc., to 62 Government Arts & Science Colleges, 7 Colleges of Education and 24 University constituent colleges totalling 93 Government Colleges, during the year 2012-13.

EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT OF TAX COLLECTIONS

Hon'ble Minister for Commercial Taxes and Registration, Law, Courts and Prisons

Thiru. C.Ve. Shanmugam

Commercial Taxes Department

- The Government have sanctioned a complete end to end computerization project for Commercial Taxes Department at a total cost of Rs.230.96 crores. While improving the dealer interface with the Department, this project will improve the efficiency of tax administration.
- In order to help the small and medium farmers, the Government have removed VAT from the agricultural implements not operated manually or not driven by animal, sprayers, sprinklers and drip irrigation equipments, chemical fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides, etc. with effect from 12.7.2011. Through this measure, the State Government has foregone a revenue of more than Rs.87 crores per annum.
- When the Government of India increased the price of LPG gas cylinders for domestic consumption in June 2011, in order to provide relief to the general households, the State Government have exempted LPG for domestic use from imposition of VAT. This helped in reduction of price per cylinder by Rs.14.73, thereby benefitting more than 1.36 crores households in the State.

The Government has foregone a revenue of Rs.120 crore per annum on this measure.

- The Government has sanctioned own buildings for Offices of Commercial Taxes Department at 15 locations, housing 34 Offices at a cost of Rs.20.15 crores.
- Considering the welfare of the people, the Government has fully exempted Value Added Tax with effect from 1.4.2012 on Wheat, Oats, Insulin, Hand made locks, Feeding Bottles and Nipples and Helmets
- The Government has reduced the rate of tax from 14.5% to 5% for Electrically operated two wheelers (e-bikes), Splints and veneers for Match Industry, Sanitary Napkins and Diapers and Compact Fluorescent Lamps including Compact Fluorescent Tubes
- Appointment orders on compassionate grounds were issued to 15 dependents of deceased Government employees in Commercial Taxes Department.

Registration Department

- "Samadhan" scheme was implemented in Registration Department for a period of three months from 1.11.2011 to 31.1.2012. This provided an opportunity to the public for getting back their documents, which were not

returned to them due to non-payment of stamp duty as per the Guideline Value. Under the scheme 23,804 documents were returned to registrants and the Government also realized locked revenue of Rs.140.83 crores.

❖ The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered that own Government buildings will be provided to all Sub-Registrar Offices across the State, over a period of five years. During 2011-2012, 52 offices have been sanctioned at a cost of Rs.26 crores.

❖ The Government has reduced stamp duty on Registration from 6% to 5% with effect from 1.4.2012.

❖ Appointment orders on compassionate grounds were issued to 17 dependents of deceased Government employees in Registration Department.

Law Department

❖ Rs.9.00 Lakhs has been granted for 12 Students of Dr.Ambedkar Government Law College, Chennai and the School of Excellence in Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai, who were selected to participate in International Arbitration Law Moot Court competition held in Hong Kong and Vienna.

❖ Rs.5.00 Lakhs has been granted as a special case for five students from School of Excellence in Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University who were selected to participate in the Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition held in Washington D.C, United States of America.

❖ Rs.1 Lakh has been sanctioned towards the reimbursement of tuition fees for the first generation graduates studying Law degree.

❖ The Tamil Nadu National Law School Act, 2012(Tamil Nadu Act 9 of 2012) has been enacted to establish The Tamil Nadu National Law School at Navalur Kuttappattu village in Srirangam Taluk of Tiruchirappalli District. A Special Officer to co-ordinate the work relating to the establishment of the Tamil Nadu National Law School has been appointed.

❖ Orders have been issued prescribing guidelines for grant of No objection certificate to start self-financing private Law Colleges in the State. Form of application and Application Fees have also been prescribed.

❖ To fill up 45 Lecturer posts in the Government Law Colleges which are vacant for a long period, selection through Teacher Recruitment Board is under process.

Prisons Department

❖ 9 posts of Psychologists were created for reformation of prisoners at a total cost of Rs.45.08 lakhs per annum.

❖ One time grant of Rs.1 Crore was sanctioned for Setting up a Chair in the Madras University for taking of research on Prisons and rehabilitation of Prisoners.

❖ An amount of Rs.1.58 Crore was sanctioned for installing telephone facility in Prison for use of Prisoners.

❖ An additional amount of Rs.38.88 lakhs was sanctioned by the Government for enhancing the wage rates according to theirs skills and performances.

❖ Risk allowance to the prison officials has been enhanced on par with police officials at a cost of Rs.96.40 lakhs.

❖ A sum of Rs.1.38 Crore was sanctioned for additional infrastructure facilities in Puzhal Prison complex.

❖ A sum of Rs.40.40 lakhs was sanctioned to Central Prison-I, Puzhal and Central Prison, Palayamkottai for provision of X-Ray scanners.

❖ A sum of Rs.3.12 crores was sanctioned for provision of 28 Nos. of Video Conference equipments in Courts.

- A sum of Rs.8.75 crores has been sanctioned for construction of separate office building for Prison head quarters.
- Government have issued orders modifying the uniform of the 'B' Class convict prisoners from half pant to trousers at an expenditure of Rs.5.85 lakhs.
- Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.765.51 lakhs towards construction of 100 Quarters in Central Prison, Madurai, Salem, Trichy and Cuddalore. The work has been entrusted to Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation, Chennai.
- The Government have issued orders to waive share of course fee of university completely for all prisoners who enrolled/admitted through Mahatma Gandhi Community College in Tamil Nadu Prisons in the Tamil Nadu Open University.

Judicial Department

- A sum of Rs.187.43 lakhs sanctioned for construction of court buildings and quarters for Judicial Officers at Thiruvadanai in Ramanathapuram district.
- A sum of Rs.285.49 lakhs sanctioned for construction of court buildings and quarters for Judicial Officers at Valparai in Coimbatore district.
- A sum of Rs.496.72 lakhs sanctioned for construction of Combined Court Buildings and quarters for Judicial Officers at Mettur in Salem district.
- A sum of Rs.868.19 lakhs sanctioned for construction of 7 Additional blocks at the premises of Egmore Court Complex, Chennai.
- A sum of Rs.18.00 lakhs sanctioned for construction of office building in the second floor over the staff toilet adjacent to High Court Annexe Building in the premises of High Court of Madras.
- A sum of Rs.48.74 lakhs sanctioned for construction of compound wall around the court buildings and quarters at Madurai, Krishnagiri, Devakottai, Dindigul, Pudukottai, Paramathi and Tirupathur in Sivagangai district.

- A sum of Rs.214.16 lakhs sanctioned for purchase of photo copiers and printers for use in the Subordinate Courts.
- A sum of Rs.24.32 lakhs sanctioned for purchase of furniture for the courts of Principal Sub Court, Cuddalore, District Munsif-cum-Judicial Magistrate Court, Andipatti, District and Sessions Court, Nagapattinam and Court of Small causes, Chennai.
- Sanction accorded for constituting District Munsif –cum-Judicial Magistrate Court at Peraiyoor in Madurai district.
- Sanction accorded for constituting District Munsif Court and Judicial Magistrate Court at Tiruchendur in Thoothukudi district by converting existing District Munsif –cum-Judicial Magistrate Court, Tiruchendur.
- Sanction accorded for constituting Judicial Magistrate Court at Pudukkottai.
- Sanction accorded for constituting Judicial Magistrate Court at Pandalur in the Nilgiris district.
- Sanction accorded for constituting District Munsif-cum-Judicial Magistrate Court at Boothapandy by converting the existing Judicial Magistrate Court.
- Sanction accorded for constituting a new court in the cadre of Civil Judge (Senior Division) in Chennai for exclusive trail of Central Crime Branch cases (relating to cheating cases in Chennai) and Crime Branch Criminal Investigation Department cases in Chennai.
- Sanction accorded for constituting District Munsif Court at Cheyyar.
- Sanction accorded for creation of additional post of 32 Personal Assistants to the Hon'ble Judges of High Court and 25 Assistant Section Officers for the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court.
- Sanctioned a sum of Rs.40.00 lakhs towards meeting expenditure for the 150th Anniversary celebration of the Madras High Court.
- Sanction accorded for Cash Award equivalent to one increment (non-recurring-one time only) to all Officers and Staff Members of the Madras High Court on the occasion of the 150th year Celebration.

- Sanction accorded for enhancement of the special compensatory allowance from Rs.190/- to Rs.380/- to the drivers attached to the Hon'ble Judges of High Court, Madras.
- Sanctioned a sum of Rs.9,43,400 /- towards purchase of 53 New Nokia Mobile Phones to the Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Madras both in the Principal Seat and the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court by replacing the existing Mobile Phones.
- Sanctioned a sum of Rs.8.46 crores as compensation for the land acquired for the purpose of establishing the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court at Madurai.
- Sanction accorded for enhancement of the standing sanction of Rs.64.00 lakhs towards the purchase of Law Books and Law Journals for use in Subordinate Courts of the State.
- Sanction accorded for enhancement of the standing sanction of Rs.12.50 lakhs towards the purchase of Law Books and Law Journals to the library of the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court.
- Sanctioned a sum of Rs.5,73,597/- to provide video conferencing facility for connecting the Principal Seat of Madras High Court, Chennai and the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department

- With a view to take due care of new born child, the admissible Maternity Leave period for married women Government Servants has been enhanced from three months to six months.
- Government have sanctioned a financial aid of Rs.1.58 Crore for improving the Civil Services Training Institute, Bhavanisagar and renovation of hostel buildings.
- Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.25 lakhs towards improving the basic amenities in the A & B Officers Foundation Training Institute and hostel facilities,.

- The monthly food subsidy for the students of the Government All India Civil Services Coaching Centre at Chennai has been increased from Rs.800/- to Rs.1,200/-
- Two commissionerates for Disciplinary Proceedings have been created with one commissionerate for Tirunelveli and Virudhunagar districts with headquarters at Tirunelveli and another one for Kanniyakumari and Thoothukudi districts with headquarters at Nagercoil for speedy disposal of pending disciplinary cases.
- To honour Shri Bhagavan Vaigundaswamy, Government have announced his birthday as one of the "Restricted Holidays"

Filling up of Vacant posts

- Four vacancies in Anna Institute of Management and 90 posts in Secretariat that include posts from Assistant Section Officer to Typists were filled up.
- In Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department, 12 persons have been appointed as Office Assistants and 8 posts of Junior Assistants and 1 Typist have been filled up in Directorate of Vigilance and Anti Corruption.
- One post of Deputy Warden/Superintendent post has been created in Civil Service Training Institute, Bhavanisagar and 2 Senior Principal Private Secretary posts were newly created in Secretariat and filled up.
- 509 posts including posts from Deputy Secretary to Duffador have been created in the Secretariat.
- One post of sweeper has been filled up on compassionate grounds in All India Civil Services Coaching Centre, Chennai.

SECOND GREEN REVOLUTION

Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture
Thiru. S. Damodaran

- For the first time in history of Independent India, Mettur Dam was thrown open to farmers on June 6th itself (2011) helping them to harvest a very good yield.
- The Fertilizer crisis in the country was tactfully managed in Tamil Nadu.
- The 4% VAT on Agricultural inputs was scrapped in Tamil Nadu - for the first time in the whole country.
- Highest budget allocation made for Agriculture for bringing a second green revolution.
- An amount of Rs.4 crore has been sanctioned towards soil analysis and issue of Farmers Integrated Hand Book to farmers
- Establishment of farmers hub (Uzhavar Maiyam) one per block in 10 Districts at a cost of Rs.15 crores to act as a platform for exchange of views among Extension Officers of Agriculture and allied departments, scientists and farmers.
- An Intensive village level Farmers Mass Contact Programmes - Uzhavar Peruvizha conducted in all the 16564 Revenue Villages in 385 blocks in the state (except Chennai) from 13th April 2012 (Tamil New Year's Day) to 17th May 2012 at a cost of Rs.34.59 crore.

- Appointment of 1,300 Extension officers to strengthen Agricultural Extension Work.
- Appointment of 8,109 farmers friends to transfer technology to farmers.
- A New Horticulture College and Research Institute exclusively for Women at a cost of Rs.40 Crores was established at Navalur Kuttappattu, Srirangam taluk of Trichy District, a first of its kind in the country.
- Subsidy under Micro Irrigation system increased to 100% for small and marginal farmers and 75% for other farmers. Micro Irrigation Schemes have been implemented in 7,418 ha with a subsidy assistance of Rs.19.18 crores to benefit 6,044 farmers under Tamil Nadu IAMWARM.
- To protect soil erosion in River-valley and Tribal areas, 3,099 structures have been created at a cost of Rs.26.86 crore.
- On Farm Development works have been taken up in 26,412 hectares at a cost of Rs.68.87 crore.

- 10.011 lakh hectares have been covered under SRI Technology through demonstration in 1,880 villages.
- Rs.10.48 crores earmarked for pulses production in 5,000 hectare under Micro irrigation, wherein 100% subsidy was announced for distribution of 2,500 Nos. of rain gun and 2,500 nos of portable sprinklers to smal and marginal farmers.
- State Advisory price for sugarcane fixed at Rs.2,100 per tonne to increase sugarcane cultivation.
- Implementation of Rainfed Area Development Programme in 20 districts at an outlay of Rs.25 crores.
- Under National Horticulture Mission Scheme during 2011-2012, an area of 42,096 hectares has been covered at a cost of Rs.72.94 crores.

- For strengthening soil testing laboratories, an amount of Rs.5 Crores has been earmarked for establishing 13 Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories and for purchase of 11 Atomic Absorption spectro-photo meters.

- Subsidy assistance of Rs.37.43 Crores to farmers for the purchase of 11,109 Nos of Agricultural Machinery and implements.

- For the farmers affected by Thane cyclone, the Government have announced a special package assistance. 54,490 nos of paddy minikits to cover 54490 acres 6,250 nos of hybrids maize minikits for 6,250 acres of Hybrid maize, 3,83,660 nos. of pulses minikits 3,175 no of Groundnut minikits and 3,20,600 seedlings of Coconut were distributed at a cost of Rs.35.66 crore. A special programme of assistance is being implemented to Thane affected Horticultural farmers at a cost of Rs.724.94 crores. Follow up activity for Thane affected farmers for taking up cultivation at the rate of Rs.25,000/- Rs. 25.25 crores have been allocated to distribute vegetable minikits and essential inputs for taking up replanting in the area affected. Rs. 3.651 crores have been allocated for taking up ploughing works in Thane affected perennial crop fields.

- Thane Project Management Unit is formed in Cuddalore district under the chairmanship of Additional Collector with an out lay of Rs.20.34 crore.

- Integrated Horticulture Development Scheme was implemented in 26,583 ha. area with expenditure of Rs.371.18 lakhs.

- Hi-Tech Scheme (Area Expansion) was implemented and 6,400 No. of farmers were trained, incuring an expenditure of Rs.6.09 lakhs.

- Precision Farming Scheme was implemented in 3,405 ha. with an expenditure of Rs.718.29 lakhs.

- 170 lakhs true to type seedlings were distributed through State Horticulture Farms.

- During 2011-12, under National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas Rs.6.64 crore was allotted to carry out Land and Water Resource developmental works (Land leveling, Bunding, Farm Pond and Cattle Pond etc.,) in 11,067 hectares, in 200 watershed areas.

- During 2011-12 an area of 6,100 ha. has been treated at a cost of Rs.3.68 crores in 34 watersheds in 13 Districts under Watershed Development Fund assisted by NABARD. During 2011-12 Rs.2.66 crores has been spent on area and drainage line treatments and Rs. 45 lakhs has been spent on Livelihood activities, Training and Demonstration.

- In 2011-12, an area of 40,960 ha. has been developed at a cost of Rs.49.15 crores under Integrated Watershed Management Programme. During 2011-12, 1,849 Entry point activities like Augmentation of Drinking water, Drying yard and Thrashing floor construction and Small and Minor Bridges construction are being carried out at a cost of Rs.21.50 crores.

- Under Drought Prone Areas Programme, an area of 29,980 ha. was treated at a cost of Rs.17.99 crores, in 1,222 watersheds.

- Under IWDP an area of 19854 ha treated at a cost of Rs.11.91 crores, in 910 watersheds.

- Under Western Ghats Development Programme 1,371 works carried out at a cost of Rs.4.40 crores in 66 watersheds.

- The pledge loan to farmers has been increased from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs.2 lakhs and 2,532 farmers availed loan to the tune of Rs.21.69 crores.

- A sum of Rs.82 Crores has been sanctioned for establishment of 50 modern godowns in Regulated Markets.

- An amount of Rs.3 Crores has been sanctioned for establishment of Regulated Markets in Salem, Namakkal and Erode districts.

- For creation of Infrastructure facilities and capacity building, a sum of Rs.4.45 Crores has been allocated under TN-IAMWARM project. So far 164 capacity building trainings were provided to 7,900 farmers.

- A sum of Rs.26.5 Crores under NADP has been sanctioned for establishment of market complexes and Cold Storage units exclusively for Horticultural produce.

- Establishment of five Agro Processing units has been approved at a total cost of Rs.20 Crores with 25% financial assistance from Government as farmers' share.

FARMERS' CROP LOANS EXCEEDING THE TARGET

Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation
Thiru. Sellur K. Raju

- Crop loans to the tune of Rs.3280.42 crores have been disbursed as against the target of Rs.3,000 crores, to 8,99,974 farmers through Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Societies, as on 31.03.2012.
- Jewel loans to a sum of Rs.26,669.02 crores have been disbursed as on 31.03.2012 as against the target of Rs.25,000 crores.
- In Tamil Nadu, 31,089 Fair Price Shops are run by Cooperatives. The Government have launched Priceless Rice Scheme to all the eligible card holders with effect from 1.6.2011. As on 31.03.2012, a quantity of 24,72,929 Metric Tonne Priceless Rice was distributed.
- A sum of Rs. 202.33 crores has been disbursed as against the target of Rs. 180 crores as Housing and House Mortgage Loans, as on 31.03.2012.
- As against the target of Rs.30 crores, loans to a tune of Rs. 32.98 crores have been disbursed to Women Entrepreneurs by the District Central Cooperative Banks and Urban Cooperative Banks, as on 31.03.2012.

- As against the target of Rs.30 crores, loans to a tune of Rs. 30.91 crores have been disbursed to Working Women by the District Central Cooperative Banks and Urban Cooperative Banks, as on 31.03.2012.

- The District Central Cooperative Banks have provided interest-free share capital loan to the tune of Rs.17.53 crores to the Differently-abled Persons as against the target of Rs.15.00 crores as on 31.03.2012.

- To enable the farmers in non delta areas to get a good price for the paddy, the cooperative societies have procured 46,958.67 M.Ts of paddy and given to Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation at MSP fixed by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister has sanctioned Rs. 130.50 crores as interest free advance to TANFED for smooth distribution of DAP and other fertilizers throughout the State to improve Agricultural production, through Cooperative Societies.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister opened a new part time shop in Balaramapuram, Chennai on 28.6.2011 through Video Conferencing for 232 family cards of the persons affected by leprosy.
- A sum of Rs.82.54 crores was released as State Government grant for revival package to Short Term Cooperative Credit Structure (STCCS)
- Rs.105.47 crore has been sanctioned as Capital grant under NABARD's RIDF assistance for construction of 1,166 new godowns in Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Societies and Agricultural Producers Cooperative Marketing Societies for increasing the grain storage capacity by 1,55,300 M.Ts. within the cooperatives and the Construction work is in progress.

A GREEN VISION FOR A PROSPEROUS STATE

Hon'ble Minister for Forests
Thiru. K.T. Patchaimal

- A massive tree planting programme has been launched on the eve of the Birthday of Hon'ble Chief Minister to increase tree cover in the State by 64 lakh saplings planting under the scheme. So far, 39.33 lakh saplings have been planted at a cost of Rs. 13.77 crores.
- The Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project will be implemented at a cost of Rs.21.97 crores. About 1,000 villages have been covered this year.
- Under Tamil Nadu Afforestation Project Phase-II, an amount of Rs.54.94 crores has been spent.
- Under the scheme for Tree Cultivation in Private Lands, Rs.12.73 crores has been spent to plant 1.19 crore saplings.
- To restore Pallikaranai Marsh Land, Rs.5.17 crores has been sanctioned and works are under progress.
- Revenue from the social forestry plantations of earlier years to the tune of Rs.16.44 crores given to 1,018 panchayats.
- For conservation of birds in Theroor Manakkudi wetland, a sum of Rs.1.61 crores has been sanctioned.

- Rs 1.62 crores sanctioned for a butterfly park at Srirangam.
- Rs.4.57 crores has been spent for the construction and maintenance of buildings in Forest Department.
- Teak Plantations raised in Padugai lands maintained at an expenditure of Rs.3.87 crores.
- Maintenance and improvement works of forests carried out at an expenditure of Rs.24.81 crores.

- Rs.13.93 crores has been spent for the maintenance of roads benefitting many tribal habitations.
- Anti depredation measures like digging of elephant proof trenches, creation of water sources inside forest areas and protection measures taken up at a cost of Rs 11.70 crore in seven districts.
- Scheme for fodder cultivation in forest areas approved at a cost of Rs 20.87 crores. Rs 3.46 crores released for 2011-12.
- Monthly Risk Allowance to the field staff has been increased from Rs. 60 to Rs.270 on par with the police personnel.
- Monthly wages of Temporary Anti Poaching Watchers has been raised to Rs.4,000.
- Compensation for loss of life due to Wildlife attack has been increased to Rs.3 lakhs from Rs.1.5 lakhs and for crop damages, from Rs 15,000 to Rs 25,000 per acre.
- A corpus fund of Rs 2.50 crores has been created to ensure immediate payment of compensation.
- Prize awards ranging from Rs.15,000 to Rs 50,000 have been distributed to the first three rank holders, studying in 10 and +2 of the Forest department schools. Most of them are from the Scheduled Tribes.

Forest Revenue

- Income from sale of sandalwood, Rs.27.16 crore and from teak wood, Rs. 2.95 crores.
- Lease rent from TAFCORN paid to Government, Rs.20.03 crores.
- Lease rent from Arasu Rubber Corporation, Rs.3.14 crores.
- Lease rent from TANTEA, Rs.96.39 lakhs.

Tamil Nadu Tea Plantation Corporation Ltd

- The plucking incentive for plantation workers has been raised as follows:

  36 kg to 40 kg .... Rs.1 per kg
  41 kg to 50 kg .... Rs.2 per kg
  Above 51 kg .... Rs.3 per kg

- Due to this increase, the plantation workers would get an additional income of Rs.31.50 lakhs per annum.
- Teak trees will be planted in 19,075 ha. at a cost of Rs.39.49 crores.
- In Udhayagiri Fort at Kalkulam village in Kannyakumari District, a zoological park will be established in 22.5 ha. at a cost of Rs.15 crores.
- An office building will be constructed at a cost of Rs.7 crores at Velachery for effective implementation and supervision of the Tamil Nadu Bio-diversity Conservation and Greening Project which is being implemented at a cost of Rs.686 crores.
- To fill up the vacancies arising in direct recruitment in the posts of Forester, Forest Guard, Forest Guard with driving license and Forest Watcher in Forest Department at State level, the Tamil Nadu Forest Uniformed Services Recruitment Committee will be formed.
- In 4,500 ha. of Tamil Nadu Forests Plantation Corporation area pulpwood will be planted at a cost of Rs. 9.33 crores and high yielding cashew saplings will be planted in 800 ha. at a cost of Rs.3.26 crores.
- Development of road facilities, drinking water supply and shelters to the workers of Tamil Nadu Tea Plantation Corporation will be undertaken at a cost of Rs.40 lakhs during this year.

NEW ROADS AND NEW BRIDGES

Hon'ble Minister for Highways and Minor Ports
Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami

- Highways Department undertakes development and maintenance of 62017 Km of roads categorized as National Highways, State Highways, Major District Roads and Other District Roads.

Road Improvement Works

- Under Comprehensive Road Infrastructure Development Programme, widening / improvement of 4953 Km of roads have been completed at a cost of Rs.1608.21 crores.

- Under Non-Plan scheme, maintenance works have been completed on 6035 Km of roads at a cost of Rs.985.87crores.
- With NABARD loan assistance 45 roads for a length of 219.10 Km have been improved at a cost of Rs. 74.73 crores.
- Widening and upgradation of 113 km of ECR from Thoothukudi to Anjugramam has been taken up at a cost of Rs. 257 crores.

ByPasses

- Formation of bypasses have been completed at Ilayankudi in Sivagangai District, Nagapattinam town, Ettukudy of Nagapattinam district and Thuraiyur in Trichy District at a cost of Rs.3.50 crores, Rs.19.49 crores, Rs.1.55 crores and Rs.9.45 crores respectively.
- Bypasses to Sivagangai and Edapadi towns for a length of 10.6 km and 8.8 km respectively have been taken up.
- To reduce traffic congestion bypasses to all municipal towns along State Highways are to be taken up.

Ring Roads

- Formation of Radial and Ring roads are to be taken up for Madurai, Coimbatore, Trichy, Salem, Tirupur, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, Erode and Vellore to facilitate hassle free traffic.

Chennai Outer Ring Road Phase-II

- In view of the heavy increase in traffic on the major roads in Chennai City, Government of Tamil Nadu have decided to create a major connectivity corridor to ease the congestion. Orders have been issued for implementing Chennai Outer Ring Road project Phase-II for a length of 32 km from Nemillichery on NH-205 to Minjur on Thiruvotriyur Ponneri Pancheti (TPP) Road via Padayanallur on NH-5 on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) mode and annuity basis.
- On a pilot basis, steps are being taken to establish "Road Grids" along the Chennai Outer Ring Road.
- Preparation of DPR for formation of Chennai Peripheral Ring Road for a length of 162 km at a cost of Rs. 1420 crores to connect Mamallapuram and Ennore port has been taken up.

Chennai Metropolitan Development Plan

- To provide better connectivity in Chennai Metropolitan Area, Metro wing of this Department has taken up development works of 62 roads and 21 bridges. The work of Widening the Bridge across river Cooum in Periyar EVR Salai at km 6/6 of GWT road has been completed at a cost of Rs. 6.91 crores. Under Tamil Nadu Urban Development Project III, two road works have been completed at a cost of Rs 13.87 crores.
- Comprehensive planning for upgradation of Mount Road, EVR Periyar Salai and Inner Ring Road to International Standards has been initiated.

Performance Based Maintenance Contract(PBMC)

- A New concept for maintenance of roads viz. Performance Based Maintenance Contract (PBMC) has been introduced on a pilot basis. A length of 296 km roads has been taken up and entrusted on a 5 year maintenance contract.

Bridges

- Under Comprehensive Road Infrastructure Development Programme, 274 bridges/culverts have been completed at a cost of Rs. 121.10 crores.
- Under NABARD loan assistance, 78 bridges have been constructed at a cost of Rs 209.77 crores. 65 new bridges will be constructed at a cost of Rs.151 crores.

- Under Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme and Part II scheme 2 bridges have been completed at a cost of Rs. 19.43 crores
- Construction of a bridge across Coleroon river at a cost of Rs. 81 crores to connect Srirangam and Trichy has been planned.
- Construction of a bridge across Cauvery river near Pasupathypalayam in Karur District at a cost of Rs. 12.50 crores has been planned.

ROBs/RUBs

- Under Railway Works Programme the Government have sanctioned 23 ROB/RUBs at a cost of Rs.740.01 Crores.
- 7 ROB/RUB's at a cost of Rs. 230.28 crores have been completed.

Procurement of Advanced Data Collection Equipment

- Two Advanced Data Collection Equipments have been purchased at a cost of Rs. 3 crores.

Construction of Office Buildings and Laboratories

- Construction of quality control laboratories at Trichy, Salem and office buildings at Dharapuram, Nagapattinam, Vaniyambadi, Tiruvallur and Villupuram have been completed at a cost of Rs.2.68 crores.

Recruitment of Assistant Engineers

- 164 posts of Assistant Engineers were filled up through TNPSC.

Minor Ports

- The Government have notified the port limits of Tharagambadi Port which M/s Chettinad Power Corporation Limited have proposed to develop for handling coal required for their 1200 MW Thermal Power Plant. The company is in the process of preparing the DPR.
- The Government have approved development of a port at Nagapattinam as an all weather, Deep water, Direct berthing, Greenfield port on PPP mode at a cost of Rs.380 crores.

TOWARDS TOTAL FOOD SECURITY

Hon'ble Minister for Food
Thiru. R. Kamaraj

- Every month 1,85,84,153 card holders are supplied with rice free of cost from 01.06.2011. The offtake of rice during 16.05.2011 to 31.03.2012 is 35,76,316 metric tonnes.

- Sugar, wheat, kerosene, toor dhall, urid dhall, fortified atta are being supplied to cardholders every month at subsidized rate involving subsidy of Rs.408 crores. 1.97 crores families are benefited.

- During the period from 16.05.2011 to 31.03.2012, under Public Distribution System 35,76,316 metric tonnes of Rice, 3,86,122 metric tonnes of sugar, 1,46,521 metric tonnes of wheat, 1,41,587 metric tonnes of toor dhall, 97,718 metric tonnes of urid dhall, 1,74,218 Kilo litres of palm oil, 34,550 metric tonnes of fortified atta and 13,94,754 packets of groceries were distributed to 1.97 crores families.

- Realising the need for opening of fair price shops in remote and farflung areas, 371 new part time fair price shops have been opened.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister opened a new part time fair price shop on 28.06.2011 exclusively for 232 leprosy affected persons by bifurcating their cards from Chinthamani SIDCO Nagar-3 fair price shop, Chennai.

- 1,365 family cards have been issued to transgender persons and 61,061 ration cards have been issued to police personnel.

- Government have issued orders for the renewal of the existing cards for further period from 01.01.2012 to 31.12.2012. 1.93 crore family cards have been renewed till 31.03.2012.

- A new Civil Supplies CID unit has been formed at Pollachi to prevent smuggling of public distribution system commodities across the State border.

- Five border patrol teams disbanded by the previous Government during April 2010 have been reconstituted in Kanniyakumari, Coimbatore, Tirunelveli, Krishnagiri and Vellore.

- The reward for Informants leading to seizure of smuggled goods has been increased from Rs.500 to Rs.1000.

- The reward to informants on bogus cards leading to cancellation has been increased from Rs.200 to Rs.250 for each bogus card.

- No. of persons arrested by the CSCID - 3792 and B.M. Act detention - 202; seized essential commodities are: (a) PDS rice - 52,489 quintals (b) PDS kerosene - 1,97,868 litres (c) LPG cylinders - 11,890 Nos.

- Government have constituted price stabilization fund with an initial corpus of Rs.50 crores to support procurement and distribution of essential commodities in short supply to consumers, at reasonable rates.

- By way of market intervention, 1 kg. tamarind, 1 kg. Chillies (mund) and 1 kg. Chillies (long) is sold in Co-operative and Amutham outlets at the reduced price of Rs.58, Rs.120 & Rs.80 respectively when the open market price was at Rs.95, Rs.220 and Rs.96/-.

- The Government ordered supply of 1 litre kerosene and 10 Kgs. of rice at no cost in addition to the regular allotment to family cardholders in the "Thane" affected people in Cuddalore, Villupuram and Nagapattinam districts.
- For kharif marketing season 2011–2012, Government of India fixed minimum support price for paddy as Rs.1,110/- per quintal for Grade A variety and Rs.1,080/- per quintal for common variety. With a view to encourage farmers and provide them a good procurement price, State Government have procured Grade A variety of paddy at Rs.1,180/- per quintal and common grade variety of paddy at Rs.1,130/- which include an incentive of Rs.70/- for Grade A variety of paddy and Rs.50 for common variety of paddy.
- During Kharif marketing season 2011–2012, 21.10 lakhs metric tonnes of paddy has been procured as on 31.03.2012 through 1,621 direct purchase centres. During Kharif marketing season 2010–2011, 16,73,318 metric tonnes paddy alone was procured. The additional procurement of 4,36,682 metric tonnes this year higher by 26.09% against last year.

WHITE REVOLUTION

Hon'ble Minister for Milk and Dairy Development
Thiru. V. Moorthy

- 1,460 Milk Producers Primary Co-operative Societies have been newly formed.
- Procurement price of cow's milk has been enhanced from Rs.18 to Rs.20 per litre and buffalo's milk from Rs.26 to Rs.28 per litre.
- Rs.115.85 crores has been sanctioned as ways and means advance to Aavin for the payment of milk dues to milk producers by the Federation and Unions. The dues were incurred on an account of the increase effected in the purchase price in January and February, 2011 without correspondingly increasing the selling price.
- The Coimbatore, DCMPU has been permitted to pay a sum of Rs.4.10 crores from their surplus income by offering them a 50 paise increase per litre in the purchase price of milk.
- Under strengthening of infrastructure for Quality and clean Milk Production (SIQ & CMP) scheme, a sum of Rs.329.53 lakhs has been sanctioned for 6

District Cooperative Milk Producers Unions viz. Coimbatore, Dindigul, Tiruchy, Vellore, Tirunelveli and Sivagangai.

- ❖ A pay hike of Rs.200 per month was given to 19,823 employees of Primary Milk Producers Societies Co-operative with effect from 25.11.2011. Productivity linked incentives of Rs.1,000/- was paid to the employees of Primary Milk Producers Co-operative Society for Pongal 2012 and milk products were also given to them.
- ❖ 5,709 employees of District Cooperative Milk Producers Unions and Federation were paid Rs.1,000/- as Productivity linked incentives for Pongal 2012 and milk products were also given to them.
- ❖ A sum of Rs.1.25 crores has been sanctioned under Part-II Scheme for 2011-12 to create infrastructure facilities in Primary Milk Co-operative Societies.

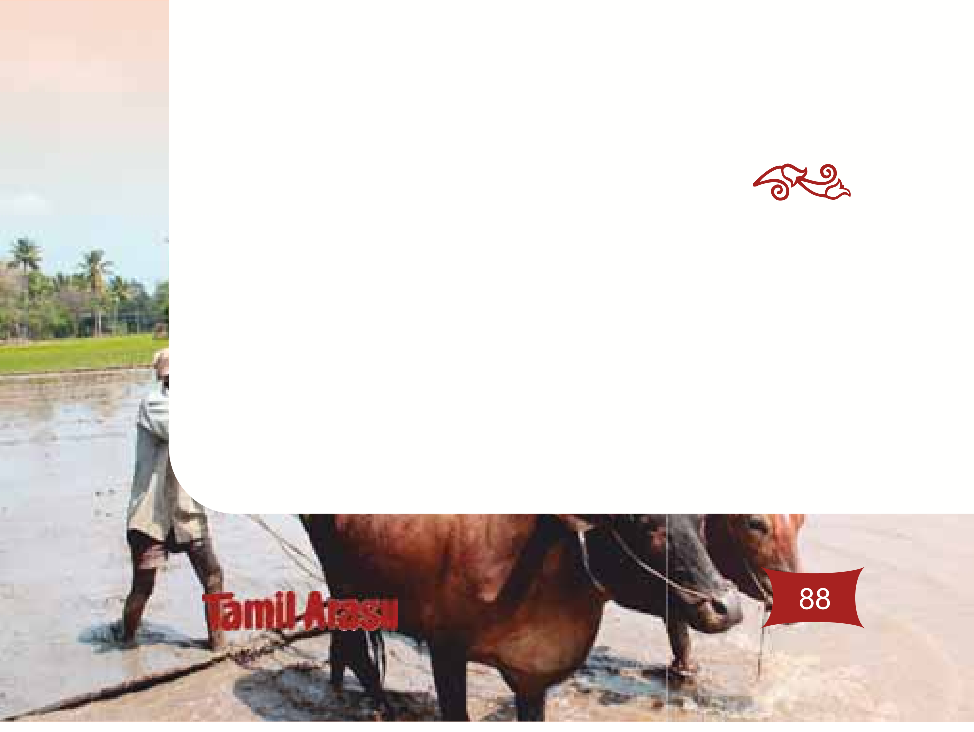
- Under National Agricultural Dairy Development Programme (NADP) Scheme, a sum of Rs.24.62 crores has been sanctioned for 2011-2012 for developing the infrastructure facilities in Tamil Nadu Milk Producers Co-operative Federation and District Milk Producers Unions.

- The National Mission for Proteins Supplement Scheme has sanctioned Rs.9.33 crores under RKVY and the funds will be utilised to strengthen all, the three Metro Dairies at Madhavaram, Ambattur and Sholinganallur Dairies at Villupuram and Kakalur and the powder plants at Erode and Krishnagiri.

- Under the Intensive Dairy Development Programme the defunct Chilling Centre at Pudukkottai will be converted into a Dairy at a cost of 2.99 crores by renovating the building and inducting new plant and machineries.

- An amount of Rs.20.71 crores was released by State Government to speed up the process of establishment of a dairy-cum-powder plant at Thiruvannamalai District with capacity to process 2 LLPD and produce 20 MT of milk powder perday.

- Under the "Assistance to Co-operatives" scheme, the Central and State Governments have sanctioned Rs.1.33 crores to Dindigul Co-operative Milk Union, Rs.7.60 Crore to Thanjavur Union and Rs.3.88 Crore for Kancheepuram-Thiruvallur Union for the year 2011-12 for wiping out their cash loss and attaining viability.



NEW INITIATIVES FOR THE GROWTH OF RURAL INDUSTRIES

Hon'ble Minister for
Rural Industries and Nutritious Noon Meal
Thiru. M.C. Sampath

- Orders were issued sanctioning a Support Price of Rs. 2/- per kg. for green leaf tea procured from the Members of Industrial Co-operative Tea Factories in the Nilgiris District. A sum of Rs. 11.20 crores was sanctioned for this measure.

- As an ameliorative measure to help Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, this Department has enhanced the capacity of generator sets eligible for subsidy from 125 KVA to 320 KVA.

- Orders have been issued for creation of a new District Industries Centre for Ariyalur District, thereby ensuring that every District in the State has a District Industries Centre.

- A special scheme has been sanctioned for the strengthening of testing facilities in the Central Electrical Testing Laboratory at Kakkalur at a cost of Rs. 63.00 lakhs. This institution under the control of the Commissionerate of Industries and Commerce is an agency for testing samples of Electric fans, Mixies and Grinders.

- 1.91 acres of land in the Guindy Industrial Estate has been allotted to the Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI) to construct a Training complex.

- TANSI has embarked on an aggressive marketing strategy and a new show room was inaugurated at Namakkal on 16.12.2011.
- Fifty projects have been identified in Tamil Nadu for the implementation of the Cluster Development Programme. Seven of these have been completed and eight are under implementation. The completed projects include six Safety Matches Clusters at Gudiyatham, Virudhunagar, Srivilliputhur, Sathur, Kazhugumalai and Kovilpatti along with the Wet Grinder Cluster at Coimbatore. The projects under implementation are the Coir Cluster at Singampunari, the Ceramic Cluster at Virudhachalam, the Brick Cluster at Tirunelveli, the Sago Cluster at Salem, the Engineering Clusters at Hosur and Ranipet, the Printing Cluster at Sivakasi and the Rice Mill Cluster at Keezhapavoor.

- For 2010-2011, TANSI has remitted an amount of Rs. 14,39,42,000/- to Government as payment of dividend. Similarly, for the same period, SIDCO remitted a dividend of Rs. 87,00,000/- to Government. Apart from this, INDCOSERVE made a payment of Rs. 15,36,000/- as dividend for the same period. These amounts were remitted to Government on 02.12.2011.

- The SIDCO Corporate Office is being constructed at the Guindy Industrial Estate, Chennai in 1.47 acres of land at an estimated cost of Rs. 44.00 crores.

- SIDCO has been nominated as the implementing Agency to implement the Cluster Development Programmes. 50 Projects have been identified in Tamil Nadu for implementation. 7 Projects have been completed and 8 are under implementation. During current year, 20 clusters will be taken for implementation at a project cost of Rs 136 crores. To deal with the projects 10 Posts of Assistant Development Officer will be created.

- Through the Ceramic Technical Institute at Vriddachalam, Three and Half year Diploma course in Ceramic Technology; by the Institute of Tool Engineering , Dindigul three year Diploma course in Mechanical Engineering (Tool and Die); and by the Government Technical Training Centre, Guindy, Chennai, three year Diploma course in Mechanical Engineering (Tool and Die and Refrigeration and Air conditioning) were offered. Infrastructure facilities of the above institutes will be upgraded at a cost of Rs 3 Crores during the current year.

- In order to revamp the services of the District Industries Centres, the centres functioning in own buildings will be modernized as per the requirement. New buildings will be constructed on need basis. For those centres functioning in rental buildings, new buildings with modern facilities will be constructed. These works will be taken up at a cost of Rs 50 crores.

REJUVENATION OF WATER RESOURCES AND WORLD CLASS BUILDINGS

Hon'ble Minister for Public Works
Thiru. K.V. Ramalingam

Construction of Buildings

- Construction of Manimandapam for Colonel (Late) John Pennycuick at Lower Camp in Theni District at a cost of Rs.1.25 crores.
- Improvements and beautification works of Bharath Ratna Dr. M.G.R. Memorial, Chennai at a cost of Rs.4.30 crores and improvements to elevation

at a cost of Rs.3.40 crores. Improvement of Peraringar Anna Memorial, Chennai at a cost of Rs.1.20 crores. Renovation of Gandhi Mandapam on Sardar Patel Road, Guindy, Chennai at a cost of Rs.11.61 crores.

- ❖ Construction of National Law School Complex at Srirangam in Tiruchi District for Rs.100 crores.
- ❖ Facelift to Namakkal Kavingar Maligai Building at Secretariat, Chennai at a cost of Rs.28 crores.
- ❖ Construction of Collectorate Buildings at Thanjavur at an expenditure of Rs.25 crores and at Cuddalore at an expenditure of Rs.25 crores.
- ❖ Construction of Building for Employment Exchange in 10 places at a cost of Rs.15 crores.
- ❖ Improvements and Renovation of Government I.T.I. buildings in 15 places at a cost of Rs.15 crores.
- ❖ Construction of Veterinary Hospital, Dispensaries, Animal Disease Intelligence Units, Poly clinics for a total amount of Rs.97.48 crores.
- ❖ Construction of additional floor in P.G.Block in the Government Dental College, Chennai at a cost of Rs.2.40 crores.
- ❖ Construction of 2nd floor in the office of the Director of Medical Education and Selection Committee Building at Kilpauk, Chennai at a cost of Rs.2 crores.
- ❖ Construction of Additional floors (4th & 5th floors) over the Accident and Physiotherapy Block of Urology Department in Government Royapettah Hospital, Chennai at a cost of Rs.4.35 crores.
- ❖ Construction of 23 new PHC Buildings at an expenditure of Rs.5.06 crores.
- ❖ Construction of Library Building in Coimbatore Medical College, Coimbatore at an expenditure of Rs.3.36 crores.
- ❖ Construction of Hostel Building cum Modern Kitchen in GHSS for Blind at Poonamallee at an expenditure of Rs.1.70 crores.
- ❖ Construction of Compound Wall to 5 Social Welfare Institutions at an expenditure of Rs.2.10 crores.
- ❖ Building works at Child / Women Care Institutions at an expenditure of Rs.2.60 crores.

- Construction of Godown for Bio-Fertilizer Production unit at 15 Places at an expenditure of Rs.3 crores.
- Construction of Micronutrient Mixture unit for Central Control Lab at Kudumianmalai at an expenditure of Rs.1.30 crores.
- Appointments have been given to 262 persons under direct recruitment and 160 persons on compassionate grounds.

Water Resources Department

- An amount of Rs.1500 crores has been spent in the year 2011-12 for implementation of various irrigation projects in the state under IAMWARM project, NABARD funded schemes, Artificial Recharge and Flood Management schemes.
- Mettur reservoir was opened on 06.06.2011, for the first time before its due date of 12th June after Independence.
- Platinum Jubilee building constructed at a cost of Rs. 1 crore on the celebration of 75 years completion of the Mettur Dam was declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 03.03.2012.
- 8 T.M.C ft. of Krishna water has been received as maximum quantity during this year since inception of the project in 1996.
- Formation of new reservoir for Drinking Water near Kannankottai and Thervaikandigai village for storing 1 T.M.C ft. of water at a cost Rs.330 crores to cater the need of expanded Chennai city.
- Rs.130 crores sanctioned to increase the storage capacity of water in Cholavaram, Porur, Nemam, Ayanambakkam Tanks and for renovation in Chembarambakkam Tank, to store more water.

- For strengthening of Redhills tank, administrative sanction for an amount of Rs.10.56 crores has been accorded and works would be taken up.
- Construction of Check Dam at Thirukandalam across Kosasthalayar river in Uthukottai Taluk of Thiruvallur district with NABARD assistance at a cost of Rs.35 crores is proposed.
- Proposed to construct a new reservoir at Ramanjeri across Kosasthalayar river in Tiruthani taluk of Tiruvallur district.
- Under the Vision of the Hon'ble Chief Minister – Interlinking of Rivers in Tamil Nadu, following inter linking of rivers within the state have been identified for implementation: Pennaiyar (Krishnagiri Reservoir) to Palar at a cost of Rs.200 crores, Penayar (Sathanur Dam) to Palar at a cost of Rs.253 crores, Cauvery (Mettur Dam) to Sarabanga(Namakkal district) at a cost of Rs.1134 crores and Athikadavu – Avinasi Flood canal project at a cost of Rs.1862 crores.
- Proposal to link canal to Agniyar, South velar, Pambar and Manimuthar as the first stage and Manimuthar, Kottakaraiyar, Vaigai and Gundar as the second stage at a cost of Rs.5,166 crores has been sent to Government of India for financial assistance.
- For improving the Ground water potential, it is proposed to construct Check Dams across the rivers Vaigai, Gundar, Pennaiyar, Palar, Cheyaar and its Tributories in 249 places at a cost of Rs.400 crores.
- Under IAMWARM Project, Rehabilitation works are in progress in Adyar sub basin at a cost of Rs.3039.81 lakhs for modernization of 140 tanks and supply Channel for a length of 177.81 Kms. In Cheyyar-Kiliyar sub basin at a cost of Rs.8488.97 lakhs for modernization of 453 tanks, 2 Anicuts and

688.11 Km length of supply channel.In addition, Amaravathy sub-basin has been taken up and it is proposed to rehabilitate 92 tanks, 10 anicuts and 257 km length of supply channel at a cost of Rs.128.31 crores.

- Rs.60.50 crores under Master Plan Artificial Recharge Scheme sanctioned to construct 126 recharge structures like check dam across Rivers & Streams and Percolation pond and Recharge Shafts in catchment area of Lakes, Streams etc.,
- 16 schemes under NABARD loan assistance in RIDF- XVII at a cost of Rs114.81 crores during the year 2011-12 towards Construction of check dam, Rehabilitation of Anicuts, repairs to corroded shutters, Modernization of supply channel, Flood protection works, construction of Aqueduct etc., are under implementation.
- Under Dam Rehabilitation and Improvements project, funded by World bank, it is proposed to rehabilitate and improve the 66 WRD dams and 38 EB dams at a cost of Rs.745.49 crores.
- Rs. 199.93 crores sanctioned for 50 coastal protection works under 13th Finance Commission Grant-in-aid Programme.
- Rs.200 crores sanctioned for Restoration of 674 traditional water bodies under 13th finance commission Grant-in-aid Programme.
- Orders issued for 6 works such as Rehabilitation of Lakes, Dam, Existing By-Pass Channels and Supply Channels, Construction of grade wall etc., at an amount of Rs 3.45 crores under centrally sponsored National Agriculture Development Programme.
- Under Command Area Development and Water Management Programme, correction of system deficiency component in the Wellington Reservoir, Thirukovilur Anicut project and Gundar –Karuppanathi projects have been completed at a cost of Rs.14.41 crores, benifting an ayacut of 24016.7 ha.
- Pre-monsoon preparedness works at a cost of Rs. 361.73 lakhs in Chennai city for removal of garbage, solid waste, vegetations and obstruction for the free flow of water have been completed.
- Rs. 1.60 crores for providing flood protection wall and concrete slab in the Cauvery left Bank.

- Stop log type emergency gate arrangement for Poondi Reservoir in Tiruvallur district at a cost of Rs.2.06 crores was completed.
- At IMTI-Trichy, 118 training programmes were conducted for 2820 participants during the year 2011-12.
- Government has sanctioned Rs.35 lakhs to carry out sedimentation study in 6 reservoirs during 2011-13.
- Strengthening of bunds and improvement to the channels of New Veeranam in Cuddalore District at a cost of Rs.106.35 crores and works are in various stages of progress.
- Under, Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), improvements to macro drainages like Buckingham canal, Otteri Nullah, Virugambakkam – Arumbakkam drain, Cooum and Adyar river are carried out at a cost of Rs.633.03 crores. Works are in progress.
- A Project Proposal for 338 rain-fed tanks in 51 Drought Prone Blocks has been prepared at a cost of Rs. 220 crores under Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water bodies with domestic support and the scheme will be taken up after obtaining approval.
- Flood Protection to Araniyar river at upstream and downstream of A.N.Kuppam Anicut and downstream of Lakshmipuram Anicut to Pulicat creek in Tiruvallur District at a cost Rs 12.41 crores was completed. By implementation of the scheme, about 29,382 persons and 30 villages of Ponneri and Gummidipoondi taluks in Tiruvallur district are safeguarded.
- Flood protection works to Vellar Basin in Cuddalore and Villupuram districts has been implemented at a cost of Rs.164.32 crores and about 4,02,539 people and 124 villages in Villupuram and Cuddalore districts are safeguarded.
- Flood protection to Panruti and Cuddalore towns has been implemented at a cost of Rs.68.41 crores for formation of flood banks to Pennaiyar, South Malattar , Gadilam , Uppanar and Paravanar rivers. By improving the drainage, about 74,471 people and 122 villages are safeguarded.
- Flood Protection Works in Kosasthalaiyar River from Napalayam to sea mouth in Tiruvallur District at a cost of Rs 14.50 crores has been implemented and about 10,711 people and 16 villages of Ponneri taluk are safeguarded.

- Flood protection works are in progress in Thanjavur, Nagapattinam and Cuddalore districts at a cost of Rs.375.90 crores.
- At a cost of Rs.1,560 crores, funded by Asian Develoment Bank, to cater the effects of climate change it is proposed to carry out improvements to the drainage facilities in the tail end of Cauvery delta districts of Thanjavur, Thiruvarur and Nagapattinam and to carry out Flood Management works to benefit an ayacut of 3 lakh acres.
- It is proposed to implement artificial water falls and water fountain arrangements at a cost of Rs.65 lakhs in the right bank of river Cavuery at Upper Anicut, Mokkombu park of SriRangam taluk in Trichy district.
- At a cost of Rs.2.74 crores a two way road will be laid to reach the Martyr Immanuel Sekaran Memorial situated near Parthibanur regulator in Paramakudi taluk of Ramanathapuram district.
- To prevent sea water erosion in the coastal areas of North Chennai in Ambattur taluk of Thiruvallur district, it is proposed to construct RMS wall and groynes at a cost of Rs.58.4 crores.
- It is proposed to construct a Check Dam across River Vaigai in Ladanenthal village of ManaMadurai taluk in Sivagangai district at an estimate of Rs. 12.85 crores.
- It is proposed to renovate and modernize Kalingarayan Canal at a cost of Rs.50 crores in Erode taluk of Erode district.
- It is proposed to renovate and modernize Singaneri tank situated at Kannathankudi Melaiyur village in Orathanadu taluk of Thanjavur district at an estimate of Rs. 75 lakhs.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu is effectively pursuing in all forums to safeguard the interests of the state of TamilNadu, pertaining to Mullai Periyar Dam issue.

MILCH COW AND SHEEP/GOATS AT NO COST FOR ACHIEVING ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry

Thiru. T.K.M. Chinnayya

- The Scheme for distribution of Milch Cows at no cost is implemented in 21 Districts. During the year 2011-2012, 12,000 beneficiaries have been provided with Milch Cows.

- ❖ The Scheme for distribution of Goats / Sheep at no cost is implemented in 31 Districts. During the year 2011-2012, 1 lakh families have been provided with 4 lakhs Goats / Sheep.

- ❖ Under State Fodder Development scheme / Accelerated Fodder Development Programme, 8,000 acres have been brought under cultivation of high yielding green fodder. To utilize the available water efficiently, 1,930 acres of farm lands are being brought under irrigation with water saving devices like Rainguns for raising perennial crops at a cost of Rs.4.10 crores.

- ❖ During Khariff and Rabi seasons 10,288 and 8,053 fodder seed minikits respectively of different crops have been distributed to farmers.

- ❖ Under the State Infrastructure Development Programme, Rs. 25 crores have been sanctioned for strengthening of infrastructure and renovation of existing buildings and to procure furniture 90% of works have been completed in the 428 Veterinary institutions selected under the Scheme .

- Under Establishment and Strengthening of Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries (ESVHD) Scheme, Rs.8.96 crores has been sanctioned for setting up 24 new Veterinary Hospitals/Dispensaries and for strengthening of 90 Veterinary Hospitals/Dispensaries. All the works are nearing completion.
- Work has been taken up under the Rs.122.24 crores NABARD Scheme for construction of new permanent buildings for 360 Veterinary Hospitals/Dispensaries and develop infrastructure in 12 District Livestock Farms.
- 843 Veterinary Assistant Surgeon posts are to be filled up soon through Employment Exchange on seniority, following the communal rotation policy in vogue.
- A liquid nitrogen plant is to be set up at the Exotic Cattle breeding farm, Eachenkottai at Thanjavur District at a cost of Rs.5.50 crores for preserving and keeping up the quality of frozen semen straws.
- A sum of Rs.8.50 crores is sanctioned for establishment of a Bull Mother Farm to augment Frozen Semen Production.
- Under the Scheme of "Empowering Women to become Economically Self Reliant through Buffalo Rearing", 495 beneficiaries in 14 districts were provided with one buffalo with a calf each, along with concentrate feed and insurance at 50% subsidy at a total cost of Rs.91.33 lakhs.
- Under "National Mission for Protein Supplement" Scheme, Rs.1.60 crores was allotted towards "Promoting Intensive Goat Production". As per the scheme, 4 self help groups were selected from each district and in each self help group 9 beneficiaries were selected for whom 10 Goats, feed, shed, insurance, equipment etc., were provided at no cost. This Scheme is being implemented successfully in 15 districts to benefit 540 persons.
- Under Tamil Nadu – IAMWARM Project the following activities are being taken up at a cost of Rs.10.47 crores: Insemination of 4.78 lakh animals, Cultivation of Fodder in 2,672.50 hectares, holding of 1,793 fertility camps, 843 Azolla cultivation demonstration camps, Deworming of 4.33 lakhs sheep and 1.43 lakh of heifer calves, Ogranising Exposure visits to 3,050 farmers and 1031 farmers training workshops.

- ❖ 5,500 "Kalnadai Padukappu Thittam" camps were conducted in 385 blocks at a cost of Rs.2.31 crores, in which 59.28 lakhs animals of 6.44 lakhs farmers benefitted.
- ❖ Oestrous Synchronization programme benefitting 10,108 animals is being undertaken at a cost of Rs.1.04 crores under the Scheme "Enhancement of fertility in cows".
- ❖ A total of 2,100 beneficiaries were selected and provided 94,500 backyard poultry chicks at no cost under the "Rural Backyard Poultry Development Scheme" that was implemented in 7 districts at a cost of Rs.46.50 lakhs.
- ❖ Mass vaccination of poultry against Ranikhet Disease was undertaken benefitting 40 lakhs poultry.
- ❖ To protect the Livestock from diseases a total of Rs.13.30 crores was utilized for vaccinating 165.52 lakhs cattles with FMD Vaccine, 40 lakhs Goats with PPR Vaccine, 25.61 lakhs cattles with Anthrax Vaccine, 2.84 lakhs cattles with BQ Vaccine, 4.8 lakhs cattles with HS Vaccine and 2.68 lakhs Sheep with Sheep Pox Vaccine.
- ❖ Under Western Ghat Development programme, 59 acres of farmers land were brought under green fodder cultivation, 935 beneficiaries were provided with Giriraja birds, 30 beneficiaries were given goat Units and 190 beneficiaries were given sheep Units at a total cost of Rs.77.65 lakhs in 8 Districts.

- 11 new divisions were created and filled with 11 Assistant Directors, Superintendents, Assistants, Drivers, Night watchman and typists and 22 Junior Assistants. All the posts were filled up. 54 daily wage labourers were regularised as Animal Husbandry Assistants.

TANUVAS

- The Government of Tamil Nadu announced two Veterinary College and Research Institutes at Tirunelveli and Orathanadu (Thanjavur) with budget allotment of Rs.16.33 crores for Orathanadu and Rs.12.59 crores for Tirunelveli, for 2011-12.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu allotted 80 acres of land at District Livestock Farm, Hosur to establish an Institute of Poultry Production and Management on par with international standards.
- Eight new courses viz., B.Tech. (Poultry Production Technology), M.V.Sc (Bio-statistics), M.F.Sc (Bio-statistics), Ph.D. (Wildlife Sciences), M.Phil (Climate Change and Fisheries), M.Sc. (Bio-informatics), M.Sc. (Bio-statistics), M.Tech (Food Processing Technology) were started.
- Started eight PG Diploma courses through Distance education (online mode) for capacity building of veterinary graduates in new branches of veterinary science.
- To meet the demand for skilled manpower in livestock and poultry industries and to increase the employment opportunities for school drop outs and non-graduates, TANUVAS started 18 short term skill development courses.
- To increase the production and productivity in the livestock and poultry farming by scientific system of rearing, 14 short term demonstration training programmes were started during this year.
- In order to help students from rural areas, first year subjects of B.V.Sc. & A.H. course were translated in Tamil vernacular and text books published.
- Permanent buildings for the Outreach centres of TANUVAS at Dindigul, Thanjavur and Tiruvarur opened.

- ❖ All the beneficiaries of Tamil Nadu Government Scheme of the distribution of Milch Cows, Goats and Sheep at no cost in rural areas are offered free training through the TANUVAS peripheral centres on scientific rearing of Milch cows, Goats and Sheep.

- ❖ TANUVAS distributed 7 tonnes of Co4 green fodder, one tonne of mineral mixture, 500 kgs Milch animal feed and 100 kgs of straw block at free of cost to the victims of. "Thane" cyclone in Cuddalore district and vaccinated 2,500 poultry birds with oral pellet vaccine against Newcastle disease.

- ❖ A total of 898 on and off campus training programmes were offered to the livestock / fish farmers, unemployed and employed youths and totally 60,272 persons were benefited.

- ❖ A new Girls Hostel was constructed at the Institute of Food and Dairy Technology, Koduvalli at a cost of Rs.94.7 lakhs with the support of ICAR Development Grant.

- ❖ TANUVAS commenced Polytechnic Courses in Animal Sciences, with an allocation of Rs.1.02 crores the first of its kind in India on 24.03.2012. The courses will be offered by the Centre for Polytechnic Courses in Animal Sciences, at the TANUVAS Regional Research Centre, Pudukkottai.

- ❖ Involved in the conduct of "Uzhavar Peruvizha" - A season long campaign of the Government of Tamil Nadu from 13th April 2012 to 17th May 2012. A total of 161 villages have been covered so far through the peripheral centres of TANUVAS.

Achievements in Research

- ❖ A scheme on “Improved and expanded vaccines and immunological understanding of avian viruses” with a budget outlay of Rs.2.50 crores has been sanctioned by ICAR, New Delhi under Niche Area of Excellence in animal Biotechnology programme.

- ❖ ICAR, New Delhi has sanctioned four schemes namely Freshwater aqua farming (Carp production) [Rs.36.20 Lakhs], Processing of milk and milk products [Rs.95.25 lakhs], Critical Care unit [Rs.95 lakhs] and Broiler and layer production [Rs.50 lakhs] under experimental learning.

- The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government of India has sanctioned a scheme on "Biotech Centre for Fecundity genes" with a budgetary outlay of Rs. 2.24 crores.

- A scheme on "Development of Vocational Training Centre for improving the livelihood of fisher-folk" with a financial assistance of Rs. 1.42 crores was sanctioned under NADP for 2012 at FC&RI, Thoothukudi. Under the project, a Vocational Training Centre will be established at FC&RI, Thoothukudi.

- A scheme on "Empowerment of inland fish farmers in value addition" with a financial assistance of Rs.8.46 lakhs was sanctioned by the Science for Equity, Empowerment & Development (SEED) Division, Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi for a period of two years at the Department of Fish Processing Technology, FC&RI, Thoothukudi. The main objective of this project is to bring successful entrepreneurs in value addition of freshwater fishes.

- TANUVAS is observing Pongal festival season as "Livestock and Fisheries week" at all its constituent units and organized trainings, mass contact programmes, exhibitions on various management practices of livestock and poultry, horse adoption schemes, computerized registry of pet animals, free vaccination camps against rabies and economically important livestock diseases, seminars on food processing and value addition etc.

- The TANUVAS proposes to conduct Regional Livestock Exhibitions at Seven regions of Tamil Nadu. The first ever Regional Livestock Exhibitions by the University were organized at Srirangam, Tiruchirapalli District from 24th to 26th February 2012.

A NEW ERA IN INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

Hon'ble Minister for Industries
Thiru. P. Thangamani

- Five Memoranda of Understanding were signed with M/s. Ashok Leyland-Nissan, M/s. Daimler, M/s. India Yamaha Motor Limited, M/s. Eicher Motors Limited and M/s. Philips Carbon Black Limited on 14.05.2012. The total investment in these projects is Rs.5,700 crores, providing direct employment to about 9,530 persons.

- A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited (TIDCO) and Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) on 10.05.2012 for setting up pipeline infrastructure of the Kochi-Bengaluru pipeline at an estimate of Rs.1,000 crores and a spur line from Salem to Cuddalore at a cost of Rs.500 crores and setting up of a Floating Storage Regasification Unit at an estimate of Rs.2,500 crores in the coastal area of Southern districts. The scheme is expected to attract an investment of Rs.10,000 crores in five years.

- M/s.TVS Company has decided to expand its Unit in Hosur with an investment of Rs.770 crores. For this, the Memorandum Of Understanding will be signed soon.

- Due to continuous efforts taken by the State Government, 28 leading industrial institutions have come forward to invest about Rs.36,000 crores in Tamil Nadu.

❖ Ford India Company promised to invest another Rs.750 crores in addition to Rs.4,500 crores already invested to its unit in Tamil Nadu. By the additional investment, direct employment will be created to additional 400 persons.

❖ A Memorandum Of Understanding was signed in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister on 10.01.2012 between GUIDANCE Bureau and Japan External Trade Organisation to set up a business support centre in Chennai to facilitate Japanese Companies who have planned to invest in the State of Tamil Nadu.

❖ GUIDANCE Bureau and M/s. Ascendas & Japanese Consortium have signed a Memorandum Of Understanding recently to set up integrated industrial township at Old Mahabalipuram Road near Chennai over an extent of 1,500 acres at a cost of Rs.3,500 crores within the period of five years. The Manufacturing Zone to come up at Integrated Industrial Township will attract an additional investment of Rs.15,000 crores with an employment potential to about 40,000 persons.

❖ The Government have issued orders to modernize Alangulam Cement Plant at a cost of Rs.165 crores. Likewise, orders have been issued to appoint a Project Management Consultant to increase the production of cement from

5 lakh tonnes to 15 lakh tonnes per annum at a cost of Rs.350 crores in Ariyalur Cement Plant.

- Government have approved the project of Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (TNPL) to set up a Tissue Paper Plant at a capital outlay of Rs.200 crores for production of 100 tonnes of Tissue Paper per day.
- Government have permitted TNPL to produce 600 Metric tonnes of cement per day at an investment of Rs.67.46 crores from the wastage of lime clay and fly ash.
- TNPL will take efforts to develop pulpwood plantation in about 1,000 acres in the effluent water affected lands on the Noyyal river banks in Tirupur, Erode and Karur districts. On successful implementation of the scheme, it will be enlarged from 3,000 to 5,000 acres every year. TNPL will pay lease rentals of Rs.4,000/- per acre per year for 6 years to the farmers participating in the scheme.
- Production of Granite monuments has commenced with effect from 27.12.2011 at TAMIN Granites, Manali factory. Firms having experience in monuments production has been selected through open tender. Monuments produced with the available machineries will be exported to earn foreign exchange.
- TAMIN has taken action to modernize “TAMIN Granites-Manali” factory at an estimated cost of Rs.12 crores.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced increase in the supporting price of Sugarcane from Rs.2,000/- to Rs.2,100/- (including transportation charge) to Cane growers for 2011-2012 in the Sugarcane crushing season.
- The state-of-the-art facility of Toshiba-JSW in Manali for the manufacture of super critical turbines and generators in Tamil Nadu with a capacity of 1,000MW was inaugurated by Hon’ble Chief Minister on 12.02.2012. This company has so far invested about Rs.650 crores and currently employs about 370 persons.
- To achieve overall development in the State, a Vision Document “Tamil Nadu Vision 2023” which envisages Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) at constant prices to grow at 11% or more per annum in the next 10 years - about 20% more than the expected growth rate of India's Gross Domestic Product

(GDP) over the same period was released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 22.03.2012.

❖ Daimler Commercial Vehicles Plant of Daimler India Limited in Oragadam at an investment of Rs.4,000 crores was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 18.04.2012. This company has so far invested about Rs.2,500 crores.

Chennai Metro Rail Project

❖ This Government, after assuming office decided to continue the implementation of Chennai Metro Rail Project.

❖ Corridor-1 (23 km) from Washermanpet to Chennai Airport and Corridor-2 (22 km) from Chennai Central to St. Thomas Mount are now being implemented under this project.

❖ 60% of construction works relating to elevated viaducts / metro stations and 20% of construction works relating to underground metro stations and associated tunnels have been completed.

❖ Designing works of major systems including Rolling Stock and Signaling and telecommunications are nearing completion.

HANDLOOM AND TEXTILE INDUSTRIES SURGING FORWARD

Hon'ble Minister for Handlooms and Textiles
Dr. S. Sundararaj

- The Tamil Nadu Co-operative Textiles Processing Mills, Erode closed was reopened on 10.06.2011 and has commenced its production.
- Interest free loan to the tune of Rs.200 crores was sanctioned to all the Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETP) for implementing the technologies for treating the effluents discharged by them at Tiruppur.
- For the purpose of providing continuous employment opportunities to both handloom and powerloom weavers in Tamil Nadu, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered to produce 170.84 lakh sarees and 169.75 lakh dhoties at a cost of Rs.350 crores for Pongal 2012.

- The wages for powerloom weavers have been raised from Rs.16/- to Rs. 18.40 for dhoties and from Rs.28.16 to Rs. 31.68 for sarees. Due to this, the additional commitment to Government is Rs. 9.64 crores.
- The Old Age Pension of Rs.400/- paid to the beneficiaries of Tamil Nadu Co-operative handloom weavers has been enhanced to Rs.1,000/- (18,646 weavers benefitted). The family pension of Rs.550/- to the family of the handloom weavers has been enhanced to Rs. 1,000/- (1,549 persons benefitted). The Government incurs an expenditure of Rs.19.11 crores for this scheme for every year.
- 9% of the project cost of each project, subject to a maximum of Rs. 9.00 crores will be provided as State Government's grant to all the Textile Parks set up in Tamilnadu under the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP)
- Rs. 9 crores was sanctioned to the Karur Textile Park as State Government grant.
- Under the scheme for "Supply of School uniforms to the School children", about 137.27 lakh metres of uniform clothes were supplied through Co-optex.
- Under the scheme for Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties 16.28 lakh sarees and 5.50 lakh dhoties were distributed to the Old Age Pensioners during Deepavali 2011 and 17.13 lakh sarees and 5.61 lakh dhoties during Pongal 2012.
- Co-optex formation day bonanza of Buy 2, Get 1 free was launched for the first time by Co-optex from 17.03.2012 to 02.04.2012. The overwhelming response of the customers helped Co-optex to register an unprecedented retail sales performance of Rs.34.84 crore.
- Co-optex recorded the highest retail sale of Rs. 217.91 crores through its chain of 203 showrooms across India for the first time in the history of Co-optex.
- In order to provide shopping comfort to its customers, Co-optex has opened modernized air-conditioned showrooms in the Metropolitan cities of Chennai (Co-optex International – export variety showroom at Pondy Bazar), Mumbai (Dadar), Bengaluru (Malleswaram) and Erode (Nethaji Road).

INCREASED PRODUCTION IN KHADI & VILLAGE INDUSTRIES

Hon'ble Minister for Khadi and Village Industries
Thiru. P. Chendur Pandian

The Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board

- The production of Khadi Cotton, Polyvastra and Silk for Rs. 5.04 crores and Village Industries production for Rs.11.39 crores were achieved by Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board
- The Board has made a sale of Khadi products for Rs.14 crores and Village Industries products for Rs.14.16 crores.
- Sanctioned 3rd Installment arrear of 6th Pay Commission for a sum of Rs.3.97 crores to the employees. Rs. 6 lakhs were distributed as out of court settlement for the employees of 20 Hand made paper units. Time scale of pay is implemented to 71 Khadi Soap Unit workers.
- For the welfare of Palmgur artisans to promote production and sale of palm products and also to create public awareness, Government have sanctioned Rs.1 lakh to Tamil Nadu Palm Products Development Board.
- 13,238 Palm workers were given licence for tapping neera.

Sericulture

- The existing 75% subsidy portion for the installation of drip irrigation system in Mulberry gardens is enhanced to 100% by the Government and 1,000 farmers benefitted.

- A sum of Rs. 13.48 crores has been provided as scheme assistance to 12,404 farmers towards cultivation of Mulberry, establishment of sericulture, polyclinics, etc.,
- While comparing with the previous year, cocoon production has increased from 8,157 metric tonnes to 9,685.241 metric tonnes.
- The transaction of raw silk in Government Anna Silk Exchange, Kancheepuram has been increased from 75.922 metric tonnes to 81.378 metric tonnes.
- The sale of Rs.25.22 crores during 2010 – 2011 in Poompuhar has been increased to Rs. 27.50 crores during 2011-2012.
- Poompuhar has introduced a new award scheme in 2011-2012 viz., Poompuhar District Craft Award which will be given to 75 artisans (including 15 Women Artisans) in 15 important crafts of Tamil Nadu. The award consists of a Cash prize of Rs.5000/-.
- Poompuhar conducted 180 exhibitions during the year 2011- 2012.
- Poompuhar has earned a net profit (un audited) of Rs.64 lakhs in 2011-2012.
- Wages to the artisans of Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation was increased by 100%. 90 artisans were benefitted. Production also correspondingly increased.
- Under the newly introduced scheme called "An Artisan becomes an Entrepreneur", 130 applications were received from artisans and forwarded to Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation for sanction of loan assistance.
- Crafts Museum at Chennai is being built at a cost of Rs.50 lakhs.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN TOURIST SPOTS

Hon'ble Minister for Tourism
Tmt. S. Gokula Indira

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has announced the following new schemes to develop tourism in the State: Tourism Parks with all facilities at one place/Seven Rural Tourism Clusters in the Districts/Development of 4 Major Tourist Circuits/Skill Development Programme/Wayside Amenities/Clean Toilet Campaign/ Promotion of Cruise Tourism, Heli Tourism etc.,
- A special Tourism Project of tourist centres and improvement of basic facilities, along the East Coast Corridor and in Southern Districts, will be implemented with the financial assistance from the Asian Development Bank, with an outlay of Rs.500 crores during 2012-2017. The project agreement in this regard was signed on 2.4.2012.
- Tamil Nadu Urban Infrastructure Financial Services Ltd., has been appointed as a consultant to draft Tourism Policy for Tamil Nadu.
- To improve the basic facilities in the following 15 tourist places viz., Srirangam, Mannarkudi, Kolli Hills, Srivanchiyam, Elakurichi, Tiruchuzhi, Thirukkostiyur, Sivagangai, Manamelkudi, Aykudi, Thoothukudi, Irukkankudi, Chettinadu, Rameswaram and Thirukkadaiyur, Rs.11.20 crores has been sanctioned.
- Improvement of Roads connecting the tourist places in the 10 Districts of Thoothukudi, Coimbatore, Erode, Dharmapuri, Thanjavur, Nagapattinam,

Cuddalore, Kanchipuram, Virudhunagar and Sivagangai is in progress at a cost of Rs.10 crores.

- Financial sanction for Rs.23.82 crores granted for the Development of Seven Tourism Projects with Central Financial Assistance in Javadhu Hills, Thanjavur, Yercaud, Courtallam, Chennai (Music College), Muttukadu and Jain Thirthashetras.
- Government of India has released first instalment of Rs.13.45 crore for the development of Kallanai, Vaigai Dam, Thiruvanaikkaval, Jeedarpalayam.
- Proposals have been forwarded to the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India for sanction of Rs.34.60 crore for the Development of Srivilliputhur, Bhavani Sagar, Coimbatore, Valparai, Azhiyar Dam, Top Slip, Madurai, Srirangam, Malayadipatti and Karaivetti.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism participated in the World Travel Mart 2011 held at London and in the International Tourism Bourse 2012 held at Berlin and distributed 'pen drive' version of a documentary on tourist centres in Tamil Nadu to the tourists.
- Core Committees have been constitued for the promotion of Medical Tourism and Wellness Tourism in Tamil Nadu.
- A Trust for the maintenance and funding of renovated Danish Governor's Bungalow at Tharangampadi in Nagapattinam District has been formed.
- Action is taken to select consultants for the preparation of Detailed Project Reports and for appointing Media Consultant for the year 2012-13.

- Permission has been granted to the Commissioner of Tourism to engage Tamil Nadu Urban Infrastructure Financial Services Ltd as consultant for the following:

  - Drafting Tourism Policy for Tamil Nadu

  - Preparation of the Vision Document for Tamil Nadu Tourism

  - Preparation of DPR for the development of ECR Tourism Corridor

Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation Limited

- Spiritual Package Tour covering 108 Amman Temples during the Tamil Month 'Aadi' was launched on 18.7.2011.
- Boating facility has been started at Nagana Kulam Tank in Madurai.
- A 32-seater Cruise Boat has been introduced in Mudaliarkuppam Boat House.
- For the benefit of tourists and pilgrims the following 10 tour packages will be launched during 2012-2013.

  Tour to Nagarathar Temples.
  Tour to Divya Desam Temples in Kancheepuram and Thiruvallur Districts.
  Tour to Thirukkadaiyur Temple.
  Tour to Thiruvudai Amman, Vadivudai Amman and Kodiyidai Amman Temples.
  Tour to temples within Madurai.
  Tour to temples within Tiruchi.
  Tour to temples around Courtallam.
  Tour to Yelagiri Hills.
  Tour to Kolli Hills.
  Freedom Struggle Spots Circuit Tour.

NEW INITIATIVES FOR CLEAN ENVIRONMENT

Hon'ble Minister for Environment
Thiru. B.V. Ramanaa

Environment and Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board

- For collection of accumulated plastic wastes and building of collection centres with shredding machines, a sum of Rs.80 lakh for Municipalities, Rs.1.20 crores for Town Panchayats, Rs.80 lakhs for Village Panchayats and Rs.1.20 crores for Chennai Corporation has been sanctioned.

- To construct better quality roads using the waste plastic, Rs.13.89 crores for Municipalities, Rs.18 crores for Town Panchayats, Rs.9 crores for Village Panchayats and Rs.9.11 crores for Chennai Corporation has been sanctioned. Plastic roads to a length of 446.50 km are being laid.
- Rs.32 lakhs has been sanctioned for creating awareness on environment related issues.
- To create awareness on preventing the use of non degradable plastic by public, a sum of Rs.50 lakhs has been sanctioned to the Environment department and Rs.1 crore sanctioned for the local bodies.
- 274 industries have submitted online applications for consent to TNPCB.
- For the Dyeing units in Tiruppur, Rs.200 crores as interest free loan was sanctioned to improve the functioning of the 20 Common Effluent Treatment Plants to achieve Zero Liquid Discharge. Rs 179.34 crores approved for 18 CETP's.

- Eleven Common Effluent Treatment Plants have been given permission to commence trial runs to test the technology enabling 315 of the units, closed due to High Court order since February 2011, to restart trial operations.
- Rs.75 crores sanctioned as advance to TNPCB to pay compensation to the farmers affected by the Tirupur Dyeing units through the Noyyal River Ayacutdars Protection Association.
- The TDS level in water came down to around 2,100-2,300 mg/l following the closure of dyeing units from around 5,600 mg/l in Jan, 2011.
- For continuous monitoring of the water quality level in Noyyal River and Kalingarayan Canal, Rs. 50 lakhs sanctioned.
- 451 dyeing units polluting Amaravathi river in Karur district and 483 polluting units in Erode and Namakkal Districts were closed. Only units achieving ZLD are permitted to open.
- TNPCB is taking action for implementing Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) system in the tanneries of Vellore District.

ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE EDUCATION OF SC/ST STUDENTS

Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare
Thiru. N. Subramanian

- The State Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.76.33 crores for the Maintenance / Infrastructure facilities and construction of additional buildings in 1,059 Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Hostels.
- The scale of finance to individuals for taking up self employment ventures has been stepped up to Rs.7.50 lakhs with 30 percent subsidy or Rs.2.25 lakh whichever is less.
- To encourage and promote Adi Dravidar entrepreneurs, a counselling centre has been created in the office of TAHDCO.
- Of the 93 hostels functioning in rented buildings, construction of buildings for 42 hostels has been taken up at a cost of Rs.30 crores. Works for 7 hostels were taken up for repairs and maintenance by demolishing the existing old structures and the balance 44 works will be taken up under RIDF.
- Feeding charges for the Adi Dravidar/Tribal School Students staying in hostels were increased to Rs.650 per month. Similarly, for College students, feeding Charges were increased to Rs.750 per month.

- During 2011-2012, 8 Adi Dravidar Middle Schools, 8 High Schools, 2 Tribal Residential Middle Schools and 2 Tribal Residential High Schools were upgraded.

- A special grant of Rs.38.95 crores was sanctioned to provide toilet facilities in 779 Adi Dravidar Welfare schools.

- A sum of Rs.43.00 crores has been allotted for distribution of bi-cycles to the students belonging to SCs/STs.

- Exclusively for the purpose of Tribal Development, the State Government have allocated a sum of Rs.246.00 crore under Tribal Sub Plan. It is 1.05% of the total Annual Plan Outlay. Further, Rs.10.76 crores have been allocated under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India as a special grant for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups in Tamil Nadu.

- In order to revitalise TAHDCO, a sum of Rs.13.26 crores has been released as a Share Capital Assistance to TAHDCO as Ist installment.

- Certificates were distributed to 43 students who have completed training relating to film industry at the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) through TAHDCO.

- Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department in co-ordination with the Labour and Employment Department conducted a career guidance programme, a work shop and an awareness campaign in Adi Dravidar Welfare Higher Secondary School, Meenambakkam and in Adi Dravidar Girls Higher Secondary School, Kannigapuram, Chennai.

- There are 1,294 Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare hostels functioning in Tamil Nadu. As they are not adequate, 25 new hostels will be opened in the current financial year.

- The award amount given to the SC/ST/SCC Students, who secure highest marks in 12th Standard Public Examination at District Level has been increased to Rs.6,000/- Similarly, for the students who secure highest marks in 10th Std at District level for the first 3 positions the awards were increased to Rs.2,000, Rs.1,000 and Rs.500 respectively.

- The award amount given to 1,000 Boys, and 1,000 Girls belonging to Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity communities in the order of their marks in 12th std. Public Examinations who continue their higher studies has been increased to Rs.3,000 p. a. for the succeeding 5 years.
- The cash award being given in memory of Mahatma Gandhi to Hindu Adi Dravidar boy and girl who secure first rank in each district in +2 Public Examinations has been increased to Rs.2,000 in the 1st year and Rs.1,500 p.a. for the succeeding 5 years.
- Under the Higher Education Special Scholarship Scheme, the students who pursue degree courses and Post Graduate / Professional courses stay in institutional hostels are given Rs. 7,500 p.a. for the Degree Students and Rs.8,000 p.a. for the Post Graduate / Professional students.
- A sum of Rs.10,000 will be given as an award to the ADW / GTR High / Higher Secondary School Head Masters who produce results above 95% in

10th and 12th Standards and for the Teachers who produce 100% results in any subject will be given Rs.5,000 each.

- ❖ The State Government is implementing Post Matric Special Scholarship Scheme for the Adi Dravidars converted to Christianity who are not eligible for Scholarship under the Government of India Scheme. The maintenance charges for those who do not stay in the hostels were increased from Rs.100 to Rs.175 per month and for the students who stay in the hostels from Rs.175 to Rs.350 per month.

- ❖ A sum of Rs.25 per student per month was given for soap, oil etc., as miscellaneous charges to the Adi Dravidar/Tribal/ Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity students/ staying in Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Hostels. This amount has been increased to Rs.50 per month. Similarly, for the College students, this amount has been increased from Rs.35 to Rs.75 per month.

- ❖ 1500 additional seats were created in Adi Dravidar / Tribal Hostels considering the increase in demand of the students.

- ❖ Government accords top priority to the socio-economic development of Scheduled Castes and Tribes. Training Programmes for skill development, entrepreneurship development in the upcoming sectors like IT and ITES are arranged through TAHDCO for gainful employment and a sum of Rs.25 crores has been allotted as Special State Allowance by which about 25,000 youth are benefitted.

- ❖ Aiming at the educational development of the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Girls and to encourage them to continue their school education without dropping out in the early stages, Government sanctioned an additional amount of Rs.32 crores under girls education incentive scheme. This scheme is extended to all districts.

MAKING THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT RACE AHEAD

Hon'ble Minister for Transport

Thiru. V. Senthil Balaji

❖ In order to provide adequate Transport facility to the people in Rural Area 250 New bus routes are introduced.

❖ By honouring the "International Differently abled Persons day" (3rd December) one day Casual Leave with Pay has been granted to the Differently abled persons working in the Transport Corporations.

❖ In order to decongest the traffic in Chennai the Government has introduced Mono Rail Project to cover 57 kms in the first phase and 54 kms in the second phase. A sum of Rs. 2 crores has been allocated in the first instalment.

❖ In order to modernise the Transport System, orders were issued for the purchase of 3,000 new buses. For the first time ever, Government have sanctioned Rs.97.58 crores for rebuilding the 1,432 old buses.

❖ In order to augment revenue, orders were issued for upgradation of existing eleven bus terminals into Multi Storeyed Shopping Complex under PPP mode.

❖ Orders were issued for construction of New Depots at Velachery and Padianallur in Chennai, Annur in Coimbatore District, Neyveli in Cuddalore, Alangudi, Gandarvakottai, Iluppur in Pudukottai, Aravakuruchi in Karur, Kumuli in Theni and at Thirunelveli.

❖ New Bus Route from Sankaran Koil to Chennai has been introduced.

- Considering the welfare of the Transport Employees, 223 Two Tier Cots have been purchased and installed in Crew restrooms at Koyembadu Bus Terminal at a cost of Rs.17.00 lakhs.
- Considering the welfare of the employees of All Government Transport Corporations, 115 Crew Rest Rooms have been renovated at a cost of Rs. 41.65 lakhs.
- To improve the Financial Position of the Government Transport Corporations Parcel Service and Courier Service were introduced.
- The Government has ordered the purchase of 5,000 GPS enabled e-ticketing machines at a cost of Rs.18.74 crores.
- To ease the burden of the passengers, e-ticketing facility through on-line Ticketing Reservations System (OTRS) has been inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 3.10.2011.
- To prevent the Revenue Loss to the Government Transport Corporations, orders were issued for e-auctioning the condemned buses.
- Considering the welfare of the long route bus travellers, orders were issued to upgrade the 37 Motels.
- An amount of Rs. 40 crores have been sanctioned under Road Safety Fund to carry out road safety measures under engineering and non-engineering works.

- ❖ Action is being taken to introduce High Security Registration Plate, e-Payment and Smart Card system facilities.
- ❖ Rs.79.77 crores sanctioned for the formation of Integrated Modernized Check Post at Pethikuppam, Tiruvallur District.
- ❖ 4 new Unit Offices at Kallakurichi, Vedachandur, Palacode and Sriperumbudur have been created and 2 Unit Offices at Tambaram and Tindivanam have been upgraded as Regional Transport Offices.
- ❖ Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated 4 New Transport office buildings at Virudhunagar, Chengalpattu, Ranipettai and Rasipuram and 2 Test Tracks at Ranipettai and Vaniyambadi through Video Conferencing.
- ❖ Orders have been issued for the construction of own buildings and Testing Tracks at Redhills, Ariyalur, Virudhachalam, Kangeyam and Kulithalai at an expenditure of Rs.5.64 crores.
- ❖ Establishing an International standard Driving Research and Training Institute at Gummidipoondi at a cost of Rs.15 crores.
- ❖ Master Health Check-up will be provided to Drivers above the age of 45 years, working in State Transport Undertakings every year.

- The services of 338 Employees working in all State Transport Undertakings on Compassionate grounds will be regularized and made permanent.
- A sum of Rs.47.71 crores will be sanctioned for the settlement of pending Pension Commutations to the 2,316 pensioners who retired from State Transport Undertakings.
- A sum of Rs.96.57 crores will be sanctioned for the settlement of Pension Commutation to the 4,688 employees retired / to be retired upto June 2012.
- In all State Transport Undertakings, 16,661 vacancies in Drivers, Conductors and Technical Personnel posts will be filled up.
- In Motor Vehicle Maintenance Department, 569 existing vacancies will be filled up.
- Global Positioning System based e-ticketing machines will be introduced in all State Transport Undertakings buses.
- State Express Transport Corporation Limited can only operate buses in the routes having a distance of 300 Kilometers and above.
- An Office of the General Manager at Trichy – Srirangam for State Express Transport Corporation will be setup.
- To monitor and maintenance of the infrastructure facilities, 25 new depots will be constructed.

PROGRESSIVE SCHEMES FOR THE WELFARE OF THE FISHERMEN

Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries
Thiru. K.A. Jayapal

- To alleviate the sufferings of the fishermen families who are actually involved in marine fishing activities, the Government enhanced the 45 days fishing ban period relief assistance from Rs. 1,000/- to Rs. 2,000/- and a total sum of Rs. 31.64 crores has been disbursed to 1,58,158 fishermen families under this Scheme.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered a new scheme viz., special allowance to marine Fishermen families during the fishing lean period at the rate of Rs 4000/- per fisherman family. A sum of Rs 63.39 crores has been disbursed to 1,58,481 marine fishermen families.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu announced a new Fisheries University at Nagapattinam and new technical institutes in fishery sciences at Nagapattinam and Ponneri for promoting fisheries sector in the State.
- Under National Savings cum Relief Scheme for marine fishermen a sum of Rs 23.82 crores was sanctioned for disbursement to 1,99,362 Fishermen and under State Savings Cum Relief Scheme, Rs. 19.10 crores was sanctioned for disbursement to 1,59,407 number of marine Fisherwomen.
- Rs.5 crores was sanctioned towards the conversion of mechanized fishing boat and upgradation / replacement of traditional motorized crafts into tuna long liner. Work orders have been issued to 70 fishermen in the State.

- Mid- Sea Fish processing unit cum Carrier Mother Vessel – Expression of Interest (EOI) has been called for conducting feasibility study through advertisements in National and International News Papers. A proposal for Pilot project has been sent by Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation to National Fisheries Development Board.
- Under Centrally sponsored scheme for motorization of traditional crafts for the year 2011-2012, a total sum of Rs.7.00 crores has been sanctioned. So far 1,222 No. of OBM/IBE have been supplied at the subsidized rate.
- Under NFDB (National Fisheries Development Board) Programme, Modernization of Chennai Fishing Harbour has been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs 12.07 crores. The works are in progress.
- Under NFDB (National Fisheries Development Board) Modernization of Fish landing Center at Jegathapattinam in Pudukottai District and Mudasalodai in Cuddalore District have been commenced at an estimated cost of Rs 53.26 lakhs and 25.67 lakhs respectively and the work is in progress.
- Under Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme, modernisation of fishing harbours (Trawler Wrap) in Chennai has been taken up at a cost of Rs.4.16 crores. The works are in progress.

- Government have accorded approval of Construction of Fishing Harbour at Manakudi in Kanyakumari District on BOT basis.
- Under NADP Scheme a sum of Rs.3.34 crores has been sanctioned towards implementation on "Reservoir Development – Cage Culture". The scheme is under process.
- The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.8.30 crores under National Agriculture Development Programme (NADP) towards Installation of 17 Artificial Reefs; Installation of Guide lights in Coastal Villages, 50% Subsidy assistance to private for Establishing Fish Seed Production Centre; Purchase of 45 FRP boats for conservancy in Inland Waters; Purchase of FRP Boats for Tuna Long Line Fishing and Development of Integrated Model for Coastal Aquaculture at Parangipettai.
- Capacity Building – Training in other States to Marine Fisherfolk with an expenditure of Rs 85.85 lakhs for 1300 fishermen.
- Strengthening of communication in the offices of the inland fisheries sector at Rs 6.30 lakhs under part II scheme.
- Through National Agriculture Development Programme (NADP) 50% subsidy provided for 13 seed rearing units and each unit subsidy is Rs 1.50 lakhs. Total cost of the component is Rs.19.50 lakhs.
- Under Fish Farmers Development Agency (FFDA) scheme an amount of Rs 1.33 crores has been provided as subsidy for promoting inland fish culture in 159 ha area by 152 fish farmers.
- Under Western Ghat Development Programme, an amount of Rs 42.92 lakhs has been provided for strengthening of infrastructure facilities; providing training and assistance for ornamental fish culture.
- Under Tamil Nadu,-IAMWARM, an amount of Rs 2.59 crores has been provided as subsidy for components such as farm ponds, fish seed rearing in cages, Fish Kiosk, ornamental fish culture units etc.
- Construction of new fish landing centres is in progress at Periyamangodu village in Tiruvallur District and Threspuram village of Thoothukudi District at an estimated cost of Rs.4.72 crores and Rs.7.03 crores respectively under Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme.

BUILDING A KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY

Hon'ble Minister for School Education and Sports & Youth Welfare

Thiru. N.R. Sivapathy

- To reduce the drop out level in schools at the higher secondary level, this Government has sanctioned special incentive of Rs.1,500 to 10th and +1 students and Rs.2,000 to the +2 students studying in all the Government and Government aided schools from the academic year 2011-12. Under this scheme 18,54,686 students will be benefited.

- Action is being taken to provide a pair of footwear to each of the 81,02,128 students studying in 1st to 10th standard in Government / Government Aided Schools during the year 2011-12, at a cost of Rs.94.76 crores.

- Orders have been issued to create an Integrated Knowledge Park in the present DPI complex. This would provide all infrastructure facilities required not only to the teaching faculty but would also help children to obtain knowledge beyond text books.

- During the academic year 2011-2012, 100 Government/ Corporation High schools have been upgraded into Higher secondary schools and 9 P.G.Teacher posts have been sanctioned to each upgraded Higher Secondary Schools. Totally 900 P.G. posts have been sanctioned.

- During the academic year 2011-2012, 3,565 Secondary Grade Posts, 9,735 B.T Posts and 1,590 P.G. Posts were sanctioned. Further, orders sanctioning to fill up 1886 Secondary Grade Post, 1,242 B.T.Teacher Post and 7 Physical Education Teacher Posts in the Schools under the control of Directorate of Elementary Education and 1,305 P.G. Post, 3,816 B.T Posts, 846 Special Teacher Post and 25 Agriculture Vocational Teacher Posts in the Schools under the control of Directorate of School Education have been issued.

- 3,550 B.T Post in the 710 newly upgraded High Schools and 195 BT post in the 65 newly upgraded Middle schools have been created during the year 2011-12.

- 16,549 Part time Teacher posts viz., Physical Education, Drawing and Vocational Education posts have been created in Panchayat Union Primary, Upper Primary, High and Higher Secondary Schools.

- From the year 2012-13, Education Kits such as School Bag, Colour Pencil, Geometry Box and Atlas will be provided to the students of 1st to 12th standard studying in Government / Government Aided schools. Under the scheme 92,28,374 students will be benefited at a cost of Rs.136.50 crores.

- To reduce the book load of students, orders have been issued to introduce Trimester system in Tamil Nadu from the next academic year (2012-2013) for classes I to VIII and also Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation pattern for classes IX to X in 2013-2014. For the effective implementation of the above system a series of awareness programmes have been conducted for various stock holders.

- Orders have been issued to sanction 1,353 vacant librarian posts in District libraries.

- 831 Middle school HM posts have been sanctioned in the upgraded Middle schools under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Scheme for the year 2009 - 2010.

- 2% reservation of P.G. Teachers posts in the total sanctioned PG posts to be filled up through promotion, to the eligible Ministerial staff of School Education Department has been approved.

- The special supplementary examination conducted hitherto permits only those who failed in three subjects at the maximum. Now it stands extended to all those irrespective of number of subjects failed from June/July 2012.

- The candidates, who are appearing for the Higher Secondary and SSLC Public Examinations should be given Mark certificate with additional security features and photo will be given to the students from March 2012.

- For employment, promotion at basic level and for getting driving licence for people above 18 years, it is essential to get a certificate with a minimum education qualification at standard VIII level. Hence, the ESLC exam will be reintroduced.

- The State Government framed the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education rules notified in the Government Gazette on 15.11.2011. The Act provides that every child at the age of 6 to 14 years shall have a right to Free and Compulsory Education in neighbourhood schools till completion of elementary education.

- For providing schooling facilities for children in sparsely populated and Urban Deprived Children, three Residential Schools have been opened in Coimbatore district and 150 children enrolled.

- New Computer Aided Learning Centers have been established in 810 Government Primary and Upper Primary Schools across the State and 2,430 computer peripherals have been supplied.

- 960 Upper Primary schools have been provided with Multimedia Projector (one for each School) for establishing Multimedia computer lab.

- 2,250 Upper Primary Schools have been provided with Internet facility.

- To enhance the talents and lateral thinking among the school going children of age group 7 to 17, orders have been issued to introduce the Chess game in all the schools in Tamil Nadu from the year 2012-13.

- For clean and healthy environment in the school premises 5,000 Non-teaching posts (2,999 sweeper post and 2001 watchman posts) have been created in the Government High / Higher Secondary schools.

- For effective teaching learning process, Smart Classes have been introduced in 5 Government Higher Secondary Schools at Srirangam Taluk in Thiruchirapalli District.

- Orders have been issued to form an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for School Education, Sports and Youth Welfare to study and recommend changes in the present system of education.

- To improve the capacity building of teachers, orders have been issued to upgrade the existing Directorate of Teachers Education, Research and Training (DTERT) to the State Council for Education, Research and Training (SCERT).

- Orders have been issued for setting up 26 Model Schools in 26 Educationally Backward Blocks in 11 districts in Tamil Nadu.

- Note books at no cost will be supplied at an expenditure of Rs.106.436 crores in the academic year 2012-13 to all the students studying in standards I to VIII in Government / Government Aided schools three times in the year as per

the Trimester pattern and to all the students studying in standards IX to X in Government and Government Aided schools for the whole year. Under the schemes 81,02,128 students will be benefited.

❖ A record sum of Rs.14,552.82 crores, the highest allocation ever for any department in the State has been provided for the School Education Department in the Budget Estimate 2012-13 to carry out the vision of the School Education Department ie. to Achieve Universalisation of Education.

Tamil Development

The Department of Tamil Development under the benign guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, who is fully committed to the growth of Tamil and the implementation of Tamil as Official Language, initiated a number of measures to nurture and spread the glory of Tamil and Tamil Tradition as below:

Tamil Across the Globe

❖ Translation of Thirukural, poems of Bharathiyar and Bharathidasan in Mandarin and Arabic - Rs.3.20 crores.

❖ Tamil Tradition restored and Tamil New Year celebrated as a Government Function on 1st day of *Chithirai*.

❖ Enhanced Pension of Rs.2,000 for the Aged Tamil Scholars.

❖ Computer accessories and Vehicle for the Department of Tamil Development - Rs.9.25 lakhs.

New Awards

- ❖ Tamizhth Thai Award of Rs.5 lakhs cash prize given to Madurai Thamizh Sangam.
- ❖ Kapilar Award of Rs.1 lakh cash with Gold Medal given to a Tamil Scholar.
- ❖ U Ve Sa Award of Rs.1 lakh cash with Gold Medal given to a Tamil Scholar.

Thiruvalluvar Day

- ❖ Thiruvalluvar, Bharathiyar, Bharathidasan, Thiru Vi Ka, Ki Aa Pe Viswanatham awards (Rs.1 lakh cash with Gold Medal for each Award) given to Tamil Scholars.

Students' Prizes

- ❖ District wise poetry, essay, elocution competitions for school and college students - 1st prize Rs.10,000; 2nd prize Rs.7,000; Statewide 1st prize Rs.15,000; 2nd prize Rs.12,000 and 3rd prize Rs.10,000.
- ❖ Financial assistance of Rs.50,000 to authors for publication of books.

- 36 students who recited 1,330 couplets, awarded Rs 10,000 each totaling Rs.3,60,000.

Grant

- Restoring the uniqueness of Tamil University, Thanjavur - Rs.11.60 crores.
- International Institute of Tamil Studies – Rs.2 crores.
- Asian Institute of Tamil Studies – Rs.4.57 lakhs.
- Dravidian University, Kuppam – Rs.1.67 lakhs.

Official Language

- Tamil Official Language Seminars and Workshops – Rs.11.20 lakhs.

Schemes under Implementation

- Creative Workshop for Young Tamil Scholars – Rs.10.00 lakhs.
- Official Language Refresher Training for Government Employees – Rs.9.30 lakhs.
- Publication of Rare Foreign Tamil Books not available in India – Rs.1.00 crore.
- Exclusive Website for Tamil Development Department – Rs.5.00 lakhs.
- Tamil in the perspective of World Scholars – Rs.50.00 lakhs.
- Treasury of Tamil Ethics – Rs.1.00 crore.
- Encyclopedia of Golden Quotes – Rs. 50.00 lakhs.
- Prizes for Best Books (Women studies and Life of Tamils) – Rs.13.20 lakhs.
- New office set up for World Tamil Sangam, Madurai – Rs.51.00 lakhs.
- Vehicles for Tamil Development – Rs.10.50 lakhs.

Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu

- Government ordered the establishment of Synthetic Athletic Track, Synthetic Hockey Turf, Multi-purpose Indoor Stadium, Sports Hostels and Centre of Excellence. The construction works will be completed soon.
- Government have enhanced the High Cash Incentive to the International and National Medal winners, SDAT Scholarship, Republic Day and

Bharathiyar Day Sports winners prize money and the pension for the outstanding sports persons who are in indigent condition.

- Government accorded sanction to conduct State level competition in Athletics and Team Games for the 'Chief Minister's Trophy'.
- Government accorded santion to conduct Day Boarder Scheme and Week-end Coaching Camps.
- Village Sports Centres will be established at one Village in each district.
- State Level competitions for Differently Abled persons were conducted and prize money awarded.
- The Central Government PYKKA Scheme was implemented in Tamil Nadu with State Government share. In the PYKKA National level competitions, Tamil Nadu contingent has participated in 16 disciplines and won the Runner-up Overall Championship securing 13 Gold, 12 Silver and 17 Bronze medals.
- A Centre of Excellence is established for the young talents.
- Government accorded sanction for a Special Scholarship Scheme of Rs.6,000/- each to 3,240 budding talents emerged from the World Beaters Talent Spotting Scheme.
- Chennai Open Tennis and Squash competition were organized successfully. Government has released a grant of Rs.1.00 crore each for the above competitions.
- Chief Minister's Award was presented to 12 Outstanding Sports Persons, 2 Coaches and 2 Physical Education Teachers.
- Government sanctioned Rs.30.00 lakhs as Cash Incentive to the Medal winners of the 34th National Games held at Jharkhand.

National Cadet Corps

- Tamil Nadu Scholarship was enhanced to Outstanding NCC Cadets at Rs.200/- per month for 10 months for 100 SD/SW cadets and Rs.100/- per month for 10 months for JD/JW cadets with financial allocation of Rs. 3 lakhs.

- Republic Day Camps expenditure enhanced from Rs.31.50 lakhs to Rs.50 lakhs.
- Financial ceiling limit enhanced from Rs.1,00,000/- to Rs.2,00,000/- towards conduct of Ocean Sailing Expedition.
- Refreshment Allowance enhanced to NCC from Rs.3/- to Rs.10/- per cadet per hour.
- Chief Minister's Rally expenditure enhanced from Rs.2.50 lakhs to Rs.3.00 lakhs.

National Service Scheme

- NSS Volunteers donated 89,133 units of blood at free of cost with a service motive.
- NSS Volunteers planted around 4,87,653 saplings.
- Approximately, 95,155 illiterates have been made literates through the sincere efforts taken by NSS Volunteers.
- Durable assets created by NSS Volunteers through various activities is approximately Rs.6.10 crores. Number of beneficiaries will be around 4,18,500.
- Street Plays were conducted in the adopted villages by the Student Volunteers to create awareness about various Government Schemes to the public.

Art & Culture

- A sum of Rs. 61.60 lakhs has been sanctioned for the construction of first floor at Government Music College, Thiruvaiyaru.
- A sum of Rs. 99.90 lakhs has been sanctioned for the construction of Regional Cultural Centre at Tirunelveli. A sum of Rs. 39.65 lakhs has been sanctioned for the purchase of furniture and equipment for Government Music Colleges, Government Fine Arts Colleges and Government College of Architecture and Sculpture, Mamallapuram.
- A sum of Rs. 33.40 lakhs has been sanctioned for conducting Cultural Festivals in all Districts in Tamil Nadu and for the purchase of equipments for the documentation of Cultural programmes.

- A sum of Rs. 40.00 lakhs has been sanctioned to provide assistance of Rs. 1000/- per month for an additional 500 indigent Artistes during 2011-2012.
- A sum of Rs. 19.92 lakhs has been sanctioned towards stipend of Rs.200/- per month to each of the students in the 17 Government Music Schools.
- A sum of Rs.3.00 lakhs has been sanctioned for conducting Summer Camp through Tamil Nadu Jawahar Siruvar Manram.
- A sum of Rs.3.60 lakhs has been sanctioned for conducting Winter Camp and Summer Camp through Tamil Nadu Jawahar Siruvar Manram.
- A sum of Rs.12.00 lakhs has been sanctioned to conduct Festivals and Cultural Programmes in all districts through Art and Culture Department.
- A sum of Rs.8.95 lakhs has been sanctioned to renovate the Ladies Hostel in Tamil Nadu Government Music College, Chennai.
- A sum of Rs.1.20 lakhs has been sanctioned to Tamil Nadu Jawahar Siruvar Manram for conducting Handicraft Training for the students of Tamil Nadu during the Summer Camp.
- A sum of Rs.50,000 has been sanctioned to conduct Bharatha Natya Arangetram for the indigent students of Tamil Nadu Jawahar Siruvar Manram .
- A sum of Rs.90,90,900 has been sanctioned for the construction of a building at Tamil Nadu Govt. Music College, Coimbatore.

- A sum of Rs.97,193 has been sanctioned to conduct Bal Shree competition and select talented persons through Tamil Nadu Jawahar Siruvar Manram .
- A sum of Rs.1.00 lakh has been sanctioned to Tamil Nadu Eyal Isai Nataka Manram as grant for encouragement to new talented artistes.
- A sum of Rs.75,000 has been sanctioned for conducting National "Karvela Festival" at Udayagiri, Bhuvanesvar, Odisha.
- A sum of Rs.30.00 lakhs has been sanctioned as grant for the Schemes and Administration of Tamil Nadu Eyal Isai Nataka Manram.
- A sum of Rs.5.00 lakhs has been sanctioned for the implementation of Schemes in Tamil Nadu Folk Artistes Welfare Board.
- A temporary Assistant Public Relations Officer post has been created in Tamil Nadu Eyal Isai Nataka Manram.

Archaeology

- A sum of Rs.15.50 lakhs has been sanctioned for the installation of Lightning Conductors, in Thirumalai Naicker Palace in Madurai and Danish Fort at Tharangampadi.
- A sum of Rs.3.00 lakhs has been sanctioned for the purchase of Six Digital Cameras with accessories for Engineering Section of Archaeology Department.
- A sum of Rs. 1.60 lakhs has been sanctioned for providing PA system with CCTV Cameras to four heritage buildings in Thanjavur Palace Complex.
- A sum of Rs.2.60 lakhs has been sanctioned for the purchase of Fire Extinguishers for Chennai Head Quarters, Thirumalai Naicker Mahal, Madurai and Rajarajan Museum, Thanjavur.
- A sum of Rs.2.50 lakhs has been sanctioned for the excavation work at historical site Alambarai Fort, Alambarai, Cheyyur Taluk, Kancheepuram District.
- A sum of Rs.1.35 lakhs has been sanctioned for the publication of two books on Epigraphy on Kancheepuram District Inscriptions and Tirupur District Inscriptions.

- A sum of Rs.28.00 lakhs has been sanctioned for the upgradation of departmental website by creating Virtual Tours and GIS system.
- A sum of Rs.18.35 lakhs has been sanctioned for conservation work in 5 ancient Temples in Tamil Nadu under the State Specific Needs Grant recommended by the 13th Finance Commission.

Museums

- A sum of Rs. 6.50 lakhs has been sanctioned for preparation of New Show-cases for displaying Wooden Blocks at Government Museum, Chennai.
- A sum of Rs.1.00 lakh has been sanctioned for purchase of Laptop and Umbrella Lighting for the Government Museum, Chennai.
- A sum of Rs.1.00 lakh has been sanctioned for improvements to the Labels in the Zoology Galleries for the Government Museum, Chennai.
- A sum of Rs.1.50 lakhs has been sanctioned for introduction of more visual display and for fixing enlarged Pictures in Zoology Galleries at the Government Museum, Chennai.
- A sum of Rs.1.00 lakh has been sanctioned for preparation of Hand Book on Geology Gallery.
- A sum of Rs.1.75 lakhs has been sanctioned for Publication of Catalogue on South India Timber and on the Ethnographic Study of Urickar Naicken Community.
- A sum of Rs.2.00 lakhs has been sanctioned for Pamphlets for Zoology Galleries at Government Museum, Chennai.
- A sum of Rs.1.00 lakhs has been sanctioned for Photographic Album of Textile Blocks for Botany Section in Government Museum, Chennai.
- All School students are permitted to visit the District Museums without entry fee except Government Museum, Chennai.
- A sum of Rs.3.20 lakhs has been additionally sanctioned for construction of heritage compound wall on the East side of Government Museum, Chennai.
- A sum of Rs.30.00 lakhs has been sanctioned to establish "Museum on Wheels" in the Government Museum, Chennai.

TAMIL NADU ARASU CABLE TV - QUALITY SERVICE AT AFFORDABLE COST

Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology
Thiru. Mukkur N. Subramanian

Employment Exchange Online Registration

❖ Orders have been issued for 10th and +2 passed students to register through internet from their respective school itself within 15 days from the day of issue of Mark Sheets and get the Employment office registration Card immediately and also avail same day seniority. About 12 lakhs students were benefited through this new initiative in 2011.

Tamil Nadu State Data Centre

❖ Tamil Nadu State Data Centre (TNSDC), one of the important pillars of the core infrastructure for supporting e-Governance initiatives under NeGP (National e-Governance Programme), is a shared scheme between the Central and State Government at an estimated cost of Rs.60.80 crores for 5 years.

❖ Government Departments can host their applications in TNSDC which can be accessed by the Departments/Common Service Centres/Citizens etc.

❖ Tamil Nadu State Data Centre has been successfully commissioned and the operation phase has commenced with effect from 1.8.2011. Government

applications such as TamilNadu Health Systéms Project, Chennai Metro Rail Project, State Election Commission Electoral Roll Project, ERP for distribution of Fan, Mixie & Grinder, at free of cost and Laptop scheme etc., are operational in the SDC. Tamil Nadu is one of the few States in the country, which has established the State Data Centre successfully.

District e-Governance Society

❖ To implement e-District Project in all Districts, orders have been issued for formation of District e-Governance Society (DeGS) at District level.

Chief Minister's Award for Excellence in e-Governance

❖ The Departments which strive hard to deliver services to citizens through e-Governance and students who succeed in the competitions conducted to create awareness on e-governance will be honoured with "Chief Minister's Award for Excellence in e-Governance".

Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation Ltd. (TNACTV)

❖ Arasu Cable TV Corporation formed by the previous Government on 04.10.2007, had become defunct. There has been overwhelming demand from the public for the immediate revival of Arasu Cable TV Corporation for providing Cable TV services at reasonable rates. As per the Governor's Address in Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 3rd June 2011, it has been renamed as Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation Ltd (TNACTV) and this Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.3.00 crores for the revival and expansion of the activities of the Corporation.

Achievements

❖ The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu had announced on the floor of Tamil Nadu Assembly on 30.08.2011 that Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation Limited through the Cable TV operators will provide quality services at an affordable cost of Rs.70/- as monthly subscription from the subscribers.

❖ The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu launched the cable TV services on 02.09.2011.

❖ The subscriber base of TNACTV Corporation which was Rs. 4.94 lakhs on 02.09.2011 has increased to 46.29 lakhs as on 30.04.2012 with an operator base of 21,123. Action is being taken to increase the subscriber base to One crore.

❖ At present TNACTV is providing the Cable TV services with a bouquet upto 100 Channels which includes Free-to-Air Channels, Pay Channels and Private Local Channels.

UNTIRING EFFORTS TO REACH THE UNREACHED

Hon'ble Minister for Information and Special Programmes Implementation Thiru. K.T. Rajenthrabhalaji

The Department of Information and Public Relations in the last one year has been in the forefront tirelessly toiling to reach out the masses the schemes and achievements of the Government, under the indomitable leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma through the following activities:

Strengthening Public Relations

- Media Centre at Secretariat for instant transmission of Video Clippings and Photographs to Media – Rs. 78 lakhs.
- Modern Digital Cameras – Rs. 82 lakhs.
- 34 new vehicles for PROs – Rs. 2.26 crores.
- Upgradation of offices of PROs – Rs. 70.00 lakhs.
- Digitalization of old photo negatives proposed.
- Digital Display Screens proposed in all the Offices of the District Collectors – Rs. 68 lakhs.

Films Division

- 12 Video News Magazines.
- 12 Jingles on Government Schemes.
- Digitalisation of newsreels at a cost of Rs. 5 lakhs proposed.
- Grant of Rs. 25 lakhs for the 9th Chennai International Film Festival.

Exhibitions

- ❖ Government Exhibitions in 9 Districts every year.
- ❖ Photo Exhibitions every year in all Block Headquarters and District Headquarters.
- ❖ Multimedia Publicity Campaigns in all Districts.
- ❖ Renovated the Photo Gallery at Secretariat – Rs. 14 lakhs.

Journalists Welfare

- ❖ Under the guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, who is always interested in the welfare of the journalists, the Department initiated a number of welfare measures.
- ❖ Journalists Pension enhanced from Rs. 5,000 to Rs 6,000.
- ❖ Journalists Family Pension enhanced from Rs. 2,500 to Rs 3,000.
- ❖ Madras Reporters Guild Building at Chennai – Rs. 39 lakhs.
- ❖ Renovated Press Room in the Secretariat – Rs. 20 lakhs.
- ❖ House sites at concessional rates for 127 journalists.

Memorials

- Thiyagi Subramaniya Siva Manimandapam at Dharmapuri – Rs. 40 lakhs.
- Manimandapam for Omandhur Ramasamy Reddiar at Villupuram – Rs. 69 lakhs.
- Memorial for Freedom Fighter Gopalsamy Naicker at Dindigul – Rs. 69 lakhs.
- Manimandapam for *Tamil Isai Moovar* at Sirkali – Rs. 1.51 crores.
- Renovation of memorials for Puratchi Thalaivar MGR, Perarignar Anna and Gandhiji at a cost of Rs.20.90 crores proposed.
- Memorial for '*Sinthanai Chirpi*' Singaravelar and '*Suyamariyathai Sudaroli*' Jeevarathinam at Chennai proposed.
- Memorial for *Theeran Chinnamalai* at Sangagiri proposed.
- 32 new posts created for Memorials and *Kalaiarangam.*

Statues

- Statue of *Mozhipor Thiyagi Chidambaranathan* in Kalyakavilai, Kanniyakumari District – Rs. 8.75 lakhs.
- Statue of *Kizhapazhur Chinnasamy* in Tiruchi – Rs. 9 lakhs.
- Statue of *Kavimani Desika Vinayagam Pillai* at Suchindram, Kanniyakumari District proposed.
- Renovation of *Annal Gandhi* statue at Marina proposed.
- Renovation of Kamarajar Illam at Chennai and Manimandapam at Kanniyakumari proposed.

Birthday Celebrations

- Centenary of Mother Teresa – Valedictory function conducted.
- Birthday of *Rettamalai Seenivasan* celebrated for the 1st time.
- Centenary celebrations of T.P.Rajalakshmi, the 1st Woman Film Director in South India proposed.
- The Department observes many other programmes such as Birthday celebrations of great leaders.

Auditorium

- ❖ Renovation of *Mahamaham Kalaiarangam* in Kumbakonam – Rs. 63 lakhs.
- ❖ Reconstruction of '*Kalaivanar Arangam*' as a mega project proposed.

MGR Government Film and Television Training Institute

- ❖ Renovated AC Shooting Floor - Rs. 1.50 crores.
- ❖ High End Digital Projector -Rs. 15 lakhs.
- ❖ Grant of Rs. 15,000 for short film production by students.
- ❖ Course on "Motion Picture Animation and Visual Effects" proposed at a cost of Rs. 9.5 crores.
- ❖ Modernisation of Preview Theatre at a cost of Rs.1.54 crores proposed.

Stationery and Printing Department

The whole world is his who act
At the right time and place – Kural 484

In accordance with the above golden lines of Thirukkural, the Department of Stationery and Printing is pursuing modern methods in printing works in tune with the modern developments, thanks to several measures initiated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Modernization of Government Presses

- ❖ Modernization of Government Presses at a cost of Rs. 9.50 crores.

Employees Welfare

- ❖ Night shift allowance of Rs. 750 per month to the employees.
- ❖ Food allowance of Rs. 200 per month to the employees.
- ❖ Rs. 2.00 lakhs per annum for recreation activities of the employees.
- ❖ Compensatory Allowance of Rs. 150 per month to the employees.
- ❖ Special pay of Rs. 300 per month for High Court Press employees.
- ❖ Cutting Allowance of Rs. 200 per month to the employees.

Transgender Welfare

- ❖ Publication of Gazette for Transgenders at no cost.

Special Programme Implementation Department

- ❖ Special Programme Implementation Department created for the first time to implement the schemes announced in the Election Manifesto.

Scheme for Distribution of Fan, Mixie and Grinder at free of cost to women beneficiaries

- ❖ 1.85 crore family card holders are eligible to avail rice as on 30.06.2011.
- ❖ The number of beneficiaries of the scheme for distribution of fan, mixie and grinder as on 14.05.2012 is 16.73 lakhs.
- ❖ 1,033 Service Centres have been set up for repair of the fans, mixies and grinders.
- ❖ 839 posts including 32 Deputy Collector posts have been created for executing the works of this department.

Scheme for Distribution of Induction Stoves in hill areas in lieu of fan

- ❖ Induction Stoves instead of fans are distributed in the hill areas like The Nilgiris District and Kodaikanal in Dindigul District.
- ❖ 34,000 family card holders are to get Induction Stoves during 2011-12 of which 25,351 distributed so far.

Scheme for Distribution of Laptop computers at free of cost to Students

- ❖ 2.31 lakhs laptop computers procured and 1.91 lakh laptop computers have been distributed to eligible final year students from Polytechnics, Arts & Science Colleges, Engineering Colleges till 14.05.2012. Presently, laptop computers are being distributed to 12th standard students.
- ❖ Service centres for laptop computers are being set up in the State for carrying out repair works.
- ❖ Distribution of the benefits under these Welfare Schemes are continuing every day.

LABOUR WELFARE

Hon'ble Minister for Labour

Thiru. S.T. Chellapandian

- 95,655 Establishments have been inspected by the enforcement officials and Special District Task Force in all the districts to eradicate child labour. In 23 cases, Rs.2,60,000/- has been imposed as fine.
- During the year 2011-12 under the National Child Labour Project 214 former child labourers are studying in Medical Colleges / Engineering Colleges / Arts College and Technical Institutions, the monthly cash assistance of Rs.250/- has been enhanced to Rs.500/- for all the children who pursue their higher education, for the full term of their course.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu gives Rs.5,000/- per house as its Subsidy in lieu of beneficiary's contribution for the construction of houses for Beedi workers. The State Government have proposed to enhance the State Subsidy from Rs.5,000/- to 60,000/-. The Total unit cost of construction will be Rs.1,00,000/- per house, which includes the Central Government subsidy of Rs.40,000/-.
- A total number of 25,392 workers and their wards were benefited and an amount of Rs.1.05 crores has been spent on various Welfare Schemes through Tamil Nadu Labour Welfare Board.
- Work has been commenced to upgrade "Jeeva Illam, Chennai" (rest house for the representatives of employees) at a cost of Rs.30 lakhs.

- 55,28,706 workers have registered in the 17 unorganised Labour Welfare Boards and various welfare assistances to the tune of Rs.460.24 crores have been disbursed to 18,71,659 beneficiaries.
- A sum of Rs.102.06 crores has been disbursed to 4,71,513 beneficiaries as welfare assistance and 3,64,086 workers have been newly registered.
- The scheme of electronic transfer of relief assistance to the bank accounts of the workers registered with various unorganised welfare boards has been implemented as a pilot project from 1st December 2011 in 6 districts viz. Tiruchirappalli, Kancheepuram, Coimbatore, Thiruvallur, Tuticorin and Kanniyakumari. Efforts are being taken to open 'No Frills' accounts by contacting the lead banks in the districts concerned .
- The Government has increased the monthly pension from Rs.500/- to 1,000/- for workers who have completed 60 years of age. 9,682 pensioners are being benefited.
- 2,199 new factories have been registered benefiting 47,360 Workers.

- 40,891 workers were made permanent in 2,162 factories by the intense efforts of enforcement authorities.

- A sum of Rs.80.92 lakhs has been settled for benefiting 1,602 workers under the Minimum Wages Act.

- 5,746 prosecutions have been launched against the erring employers and the court has levied fine to the tune of Rs.2.34 crores under various labour legislations.

- 73 Safety Awareness Campaigns benefiting 4,392 Workers have been conducted by the Safety Propaganda Committees constituted to educate the workers about the safety precautions to be followed for avoiding accidents in Fire Work Factories, Chemical factories, Tanneries and Bleaching & Dyeing Units.

- The district level officers of Factories Department have conducted 496 Safety Training classes benefitting 22,725 workers to educate the workers and managements on the importance of safety in Factory premises itself in Tamil at free of cost.

- The total number of accidents occurred in Industries during recent period is 57, in which 21 accidents happened in Match and Fire Works Factories. When compared to last year it has considerably reduced. In order to prevent such accidents in future, a training centre at Sivakasi has been inaugurated on 28.04.2012 for the workers of Match and Fire Works Factories.

- Inspectorate of Factories have been strengthened and modernized with a Budget allotment of Rs.75 lakhs towards replacement of 14 old vehicles with new vehicles and Rs.2.80 lakhs towards purchase of computer accessories and equipments.

- The officers of the Inspectorate of Factories recently notified as Enforcement officers under the Building and other construction workers Act and Rules to ensure welfare measures for the workers in the construction industry have registered 929 construction establishments.

- With a view to encourage better safety performance by the Factory managements the existing State Safety Award value of 1st prize awarded to 90 managements has been enhanced from Rs.2,500/- to Rs.5,000/- for each

shield and the State Safety Award value of the II prize awarded to 90 managements has also been enhanced from Rs.1,500/- to Rs.4,000/- for each shield.

- 4,79,717 girls and boys who passed HSC and 7,02,962 girls and boys who passed SSLC benefited by using the Web enabled 'Online' registration facility at their schools without going to Employment Exchange in person.
- As ordered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister own building will be constructed for ten employment exchanges as a first phase at a cost of Rs.15 Crores.
- To help the poor and downtrodden students Government issued orders for distribution of 2 sets of Uniform and a pair of Shoes to each trainee in Government ITIs.
- Under Skill Development initiative – Modular Employable Skills, a sum of Rs.8 crores has been allotted and 31,502 youths have been trained so far in various short term courses.
- Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.2.30 crores to construct a new building to Government ITI (Women), Cuddalore.
- The Ayurveda Unit in ESI Hospital, Madurai, the Ayurveda Unit in ESI Hospital, Ayanavaram, Chennai-23 and the Ayurveda Unit in ESI Hospital, Coimbatore were inaugurated.
- The Yoga Units in ESI Hospital, Sivakasi, Tiruchi, Salem, Vellore and Hosur have been started.
- The Government have issued orders for the establishment of 'three doctor type' ESI Dispensary in Thackalay and 'two doctor type' ESI Dispensary in Manavalakurichi in Kanyakumari District for the benefit of 8,666 employees.
- The Homoeopathy Unit in ESI Hospital, Ayanavaram, Chennai has been started.
- Unani Unit in ESI Hospital, Ayanavaram, Chennai will be started very soon.
- Siddha Units in 10 ESI Dispensaries have been santioned.
- The Overseas Manpower Corporation Limited has deployed 189 registrants in foreign countries.

CHIEF MINISTER'S COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME

Hon'ble Minister for Health

Dr. V.S. Vijay

❖ The Government have launched a new Insurance Scheme called Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme. The new scheme covers 1016 life saving procedures and also essential medical procedures, diagnostics and follow up procedures to ensure comprehensive care to the people. 699 Private Hospitals including 98 Government Hospitals have been

empanelled. Persons with annual income below Rs.72,000 will receive a sum of Rs.1 lakh and for certain specified procedure Rs.1.50 lakhs. 48,868 persons availed treatment as on 10.05.2012 under the new scheme to an amount of Rs.124.09 crores.

❖ Financial assistance under Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme is given to the pregnant women for improving their nutrition and health status. The enhanced amount of Rs.12,000/- is given under the scheme in three installments. 6.50 lakhs beneficiaries have received the financial assistance of Rs. 515.05 crores.

❖ Government issued orders for the establishment of 20 new PHCs at a cost of Rs.7.71 crores. Three new PHCs have also been sanctioned to the Srirangam Constituency in Tiruchi District at a cost of Rs. 1.14 crores which have also been inaugurated.

❖ Government issued orders for the upgradation of the 38 Primary Health Centres as 30 bedded PHCs

❖ The Government have given permission to establish 75 Primary Health Centres in Urban areas. Further 60 Urban PHCs have also been brought under the control of the DPH & PM with adequate staff and equipment.

- Round the clock delivery care service is in implementation in 1,539 Primary Health Centres. The scheme has been extended to 73 new PHCs to provide round the clock delivery care services to the rural people. In Tamil Nadu, all the 1,612 PHCs are providing 24hrs delivery care services with 3 staff nurses.
- Rs.3.92 crores has been sanctioned for developing the General Hospital at Srirangam.
- A sum of Rs.41.10 crores has been sanctioned for taking improvements in Primary Health Centres and these works will be completed by September 2012 and TNHSP sanctioned Rs.56 crores for strengthening of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Pediatric Departments of eight Medical College Hospitals. The construction works have commenced and are in progress.
- The Government has proposed that a Multi Super Speciality Hospital will be set up in the Omanthurar Government Estate, Chennai with all facilities on par with that of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. The Super Speciality Hospital will ensure that the people of the State will get high quality medical care at a centre nearest to them. A High Level Committee

under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu has been constituted to oversee the progress in putting up this Speciality Hospital open to the public use expeditiously. Administrative and Financial sanction for Rs. 26.92 crores issued for conversion of "A" block as Multi Super Speciality Hospital. Rs. 80 crores has been sanctioned for the purchase of equipments which is under process.

❖ The Medical Recruitment Board has been formed exclusively for the Health and family Welfare Department to fill-up vacancies expeditiously without delay in all the Government medical institutions to provide uninterrupted health services to the public.

❖ Under the "Hospital on Wheels Scheme" it is proposed to strengthen the existing 385 Mobile Medical Units with additional man power and lab facilities at a cost of Rs.29.36 crores. The medical team will visit remote villages based on fixed tour programmes.

❖ The Government has proposed to distribute the sanitary napkins at no cost to adolescent girls in the rural areas and women inmates of prisons in the entire State and sanctioned a sum of Rs.44.21 crores to implement the programme. This is a path breaking scheme as Tamil Nadu is the only state in the country to take up implementation for the entire state using state funds.

- The Government has created a new Department called "Food Safety and Drug Control Administration" to look after the implementation of the food and drug related legislations. A sum of Rs.86.35 crores has been sanctioned to the new department.
- The Government has issued orders to establish the Dental Wings in 60 PHCs at a cost of Rs.2.2 crores.
- Life saving equipments to an amount of Rs.55.00 crores have been procured and supplied to all the Government District Headquarters Hospitals under the Tamil Nadu Health System Project.
- It is proposed to upgrade the Annal Gandhi Memorial Government Hospital at Tiruchirappalli as a super speciality centre at a cost of Rs.100.00 crores. As a first phase, an amount of Rs.53.97 crores has been sanctioned under 13th Finance Commission Grant for construction of buildings and the construction will commence shortly.
- 367 Vehicles have been procured for the Public Health Department at a cost of Rs. 14 crores.
- Additional Buildings for Hospitals at Coimbatore, Tiruppur and Virudhunagar have been constructed at a cost of Rs.3.96 crores and inaugurated.
- The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.1.30 crores for providing "Blood Cell Counter" to 30 District Head Quarters Hospitals for procurement through Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation.
- The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.4.05 crores for providing Operating Laparascopy to 27 Government District Headquarters Hospitals and a sum of Rs.7 crores for providing CT scan to 4 Government District Headquarters Hospital.
- The Government has re-introduced the outreach immunization by the Village Health Nurses every Wednesday in addition to the institutional

immunization. Government of India have selected Tamil Nadu for the implementation of Pentavalent Vaccine which is under implementation now.

- A new scheme for the benefit of the health of the rural women called "Rural Women Health Scheme" has been introduced at a cost of Rs.2.70 crores.

- To facilitate higher medical advice for the people living in the remote villages, telemedicine facilities are proposed to be created in select Primary Health Centres at a cost of Rs.5.00 crores.

- 42 Level - II Maternal Child Health Care centres with higher medical facilities have been ordered to be created at the rate of one centre per health district for providing emergency obsteric care and safe abortion services. 31Level - I MCH Centres have been ordered to be established in select Health Sub Centres to provide round the clock delivery care services.

WELFARE SCHEMES FOR BC/MBC & MINORITIES

Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Thiru. A. Mohammedjan

- The Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission under the Chairmanship of Justice Thiru. M.S. Janarthanam (Retired) was reconstituted for a period of one year with effect from 05.07.2011.
- The Government have issued orders on 11.07.2011 to continue to implement the 50% reservation provided for Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes / Denotified Communities without excluding the creamy layer.
- The annual maintenance grant to Kallar Reclamation Schools was increased from Rs.4 lakhs to Rs.1 crore. 51 post of Tamil Teachers were created and 9 Kallar Reclamation schools are to be upgraded.
- LKG Classes in English Medium were started in 15 Kallar Reclamation Schools in Madurai, Dindigul and Theni districts, benefitting the students from Piramalai Kallar community.
- The prize amount was increased as Rs.10,000/- Rs.7,000/- and Rs.5,000/- to the students of Kallar Reclamation Schools securing first, second and third marks respectively in the 10th and 12th standard public examinations.

- Orders have been issued awarding a cash prize of Rs.10,000 and citation to the Headmasters of High Schools / Higher Secondary Schools who ensure pass percentage of 95% and above in 10th and 12th Standard of Kallar Reclamation Schools from the academic year 2011-2012.

- Orders have been issued for construction of lab building for 2 Kallar Reclamation Higher Secondary Schools at a cost Rs.40.00 lakhs, purchase of laboratory equipments for 9 Kallar Reclamation Schools at a cost Rs.19.77 lakhs, construction of toilet blocks for 8 Kallar Reclamation schools at a cost of Rs.46.00 lakhs and also for construction of additional class rooms for 2 Kallar Reclamation Higher Secondary schools at a cost of Rs.21.58 lakhs.

- A sum of Rs.64.48 crores is provided for construction of 84 own buildings to hostels.

- The existing food charge of Rs.450/- per month provided for the schools hostel boarders has been enhanced to Rs.650/- per month and for college hostel boarders enhanced from Rs.550/- to Rs.750/- per month.

- 25 college hostels for Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities and 3 School hostels for Minority Muslim girls have been opened.

- District collectors have been empowered to admit 10% boarders additionally over and above the sanctioned strength of the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Community Hostels.

- New cooking vessels were supplied to 500 hostels for Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Community at a cost of Rs.50.00 lakhs.

- Wet grinders were supplied to 50 hostels for Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Community at a cost of Rs.6.25 lakhs.

- The prize amount to the Most Backward Classes and Denotified Community students staying in Most Backward Classes and Denotified Community hostels who secure first, second and third ranks in 10th and 12th standard public examinations at State level has been increased to Rs.10,000/-, Rs.7,000/- and Rs.5,000/- respectively.

- Orders have been issued to start a scheme of award of prizes of Rs.10,000/-, Rs.7,000/- and Rs.5,000/- to the students in Backward Classes Hostels who secure the first, second and third ranks in 10th and 12th standard public examination at State respectively. The scheme will be started from this year as in the case of Most Backward Classes students.

- The monthly boarding grant of Rs.450/- now paid to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified community student staying in Government recognized private hostels has been enhanced to Rs.650/-.

- The miscellaneous charge to the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes & Denotified Community school hostel boarders and college hostel boarders respectively has been enhanced to Rs.50/- and Rs.75/- respectively.

- LPG connections have been provided to 70 Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Hostels at a cost of Rs.28.00 lakhs. Additional buildings for 2 Backward Classes Hostels are being constructed at a cost of Rs.57.09 lakhs. Protection walls are being constructed to 2 Backward Classes Girls hostel at a cost of Rs.12.00 lakhs.

- In order to accommodate children of Srilankan Tamils who reside in camps, 5 additional seats in each hostel have been created in Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities and Minorities hostels from the year 2011-2012.

- Under the scheme of award of General Prizes, the prize amount paid to the students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities securing first, second and third marks at District level in 10th and 12 standard public examination has been doubled and paid at Rs.3,000/, Rs.2,000/- and Rs.1,000/- and at Rs.6,000/- Rs.4,000/- and Rs.2,000/- respectively.

- Bicycles were distributed free of cost to 4,38,749 students belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified communities and Minorities who studied 11th Standard in Government, Government aided and partially aided schools during the year 2011-12, incurring an expenditure of Rs.112.08 crores.

- Under various scholarship schemes Rs.115.71 crores has been spent for the benefit of 5,23,985 students belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified communities during the year 2011-12.

- During the year 2011-12 sewing machines were distributed free of cost to 2005 beneficiaries belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified communities, incurring an expenditure of Rs.66.24 lakhs and Iron Boxes were distributed to 2,293 beneficiaries, incurring an expenditure of Rs.85 lakhs.

- The annual administrative grant of Tamil Nadu Wakf Board has been enhanced from Rs.45.00 lakhs to Rs.1.00 crore.

- The number of Ulema pensioners has been enhanced from 2,400 to 2,600 and the monthly pension under the Ulemas pension scheme has been enhanced from Rs.750/- to Rs.1,000/-.

- A sum of Rs.3.00 crores was sanctioned as one time grant to Tamil Nadu Wakf Board to settle the pension arrears for the retired employees.
- Rs.60.00 lakhs was sanctioned as grant to Tamil Nadu Wakf Board towards major repairs and renovation of mosque and Durgahs.
- The annual administrative grant of Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee has been enhanced from Rs.10.00 lakhs to Rs.20.00 lakhs.
- Orders have been issued for sanctioning financial assistance of Rs.1.00 crore for undertaking tour to Jerusalem by Christian Community.
- As on 31.03.2012 a loan of Rs.43.23 crores has been disbursed to 22,382 beneficiaries from Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities through Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation and a loan of Rs.14.07 crores has been disbursed to 5,459 minority beneficiaries through Minorities Economic Development Corporation.

HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENT DEPARTMENT

GOLDEN ERA IN TEMPLE ADMINISTRATION

Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
Thiru. M.S.M. Anandan

Tamil Nadu is ushering in a New Era under the exemplary leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma with innumerable initiatives introduced as under:

Annadhanam scheme

- Annadhanam scheme extended to 106 temples totaling 468.

Day Long Annadhanam

- ❖ Day Long Annadhanam in Arulmigu Aranganathaswamy Temple, Srirangam and Arulmigu Dhandayuthapaniswamy temple, Palani between 8.00 am to 10.00 pm.

Elephant Rejuvenation Camp

- ❖ Elephant Rejuvenation Camp resumed at Mudumalai Theppakkaadu.

Battery cars

- ❖ Battery cars introduced in Srirangam, Palani, Thiruchendur, Thiruthani, Thiruvarur, Thiruvannamalai, Thiruvettriyur, Thiruvanaikaval temples, for the benefit of the differently abled and elders.

Renovation & Kumbabishegam

- ❖ 1,006 temples renovated and Kumbabishegam performed.
- ❖ Renovation of Temple Tanks in 364 places.
- ❖ Rs.22.50 crores granted to renovate 94 heritage temples.

- Enhanced grant from Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 50,000 for each temple in the habitation of Adi-Dravidar and Tribal Community. Rs.1.50 crores granted to 300 temples.
- 21 Temple cars renovated and car festivals conducted.

Oru Kala Pooja

- Enhanced the deposit amount from Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 1,00,000 for "Oru Kala Pooja Scheme" for 11,931 temples.

Recovery of Temple Properties

- 169 acres of Temple lands, 18 grounds and 29,133 sq. ft. buildings valued around Rs. 300 crores retrieved from the encroachers.
- Created the computerised data base for 2000 temples under e-governance.
- Laptop Computers worth Rs. 2.10 crores provided to 560 Officers for efficient management of temple properties.

Restoration of Temple Land pattas

- ❖ Pattas of 469 acres of temple lands registered in the name of private individuals restored in the name of temples.
- ❖ Patta entries erroneously entered restored in Computer Chitta for 168 acres of temple lands.

Temple Employees' Welfare schemes

- ❖ Arrears of salary amounting Rs.70 lakhs disbursed to 1675 employees working in 1349 financially weak temples.
- ❖ Monthly pension for Archakas, Othuvars, etc., enhanced to Rs. 1,000.
- ❖ Retirement year 1996 prescribed as eligibility under "Department Pension Scheme" for temple employees, extended to benefit all employees irrespective of the year of retirement.

Grant for Pilgrimage

- ❖ Grant of Rs.40,000 and Rs.10,000 for Pilgrims going on pilgrimage to Manasorovar and Mukthinath respectively for 500 devotees.

One Year Of Achievements Hundred Years Leap Forward

The vision for Tamil Nadu for 2023 is to become, by then, India's most prosperous and progressive State with no poverty and where its people enjoy all the basic services of a modern society.

- Selvi J Jayalalithaa
Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

Effective Measures of
The Hon'ble Chief Minister
Puratchi Thalaivi
Selvi J Jayalalithaa
Restored the Glory
of the State

- Rice at no cost to provide food security
- Gold Coins for Thirumangalyam and financial assistance for women of marriageable age
- Mixies, Grinders and Electric Fans for women at no cost
- Distribution of Milch Cows and Sheep for the poor at no cost for their upliftment
- Laptop computers for Students at no cost
- Green Houses with solar lights
- Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme

THE ROAD TRAVELLED- 2011-2012

ONE YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENTS
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HUNDRED YEARS LEAP FORWARD

Food Security

- 20kg free rice to ration card holders and 35kg to Anthyodhaya Anna Yojana card holders every month benefitting 1.86 Crore families

- Special Programme Implementation Department created for the first time to fulfill the schemes in the Election Manifesto

Gold for Thirumangalyam

- 4 gms of Gold for Thirumangalyam and Rs 25,000 towards marriage assistance to 86,676 educated poor women
- 4 gms of Gold for Thirumangalyam and Rs 50,000 towards marriage assistance to 34,345 women with a Degree / Diploma

Social Security

- Increased Monthly Assistance from Rs 500 to Rs1,000 benefitting 26.82 lakh senior citizens, the differently abled, destitute women and widows

Free Mixie, Grinder & Fan

- Free Mixies, Grinders and Electric fans distributed to 15.89 lakh families to relieve the women from drudgery

Labour Welfare

- Rs 1.05 Crore extended on Welfare assistance to 25,392 labourers

Weavers Welfare

- A subsidy of Rs 9 Crores sanctioned for the formation of Textile Parks
- Wages of weavers increased to Rs 18.40 per Dhoti and Rs 31.68 per Saree
- Old Age Pension and Family Pension for Handloom Weavers increased to Rs 1000 per month benefitting 20,195 weavers
- Reopened the closed Tamil Nadu Co-operative Textile Processing Mill, Erode
- Interest free loan amount of Rs 200 Crores sanctioned to all the Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETP) at Tirupur for treating the effluent discharges

Women Welfare

- Six Month Maternity Leave for women Government employees
- Scheme to distribute Sanitary Napkins to 10 lakh adolescent girls, at no cost for the first time in India

Vision Document

- Vision Tamil Nadu 2023 released to generate Rs 15 lakh crores investment for the development of infrastructure towards achieving 11% economic growth to make the state free from poverty

Free Milch Cows / Goats / Sheep

- Distributed 12,000 free Milch Cows, 4 Lakh Goats / Sheep for the economic upliftment of the poor

Transport

- 389 new buses for TNSTC in 250 routes inaugurated
- Bus passes given to 27.2 lakh students at no cost
- Purchase of 3,000 new buses at a cost of Rs 539.84 Crores
- Mono Rail Scheme proposed to improve Urban transportation
- Rs 79.77 crores sanctioned for Modern Integrated Checkpost at Pethikuppam in Tamil Nadu - Andhra Border

Health

- 42,848 people treated at a cost of Rs 110.09 crores under the new "Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme"
- 20 New Primary Health Centers at a cost of Rs 12.80 Crores
- Formation of Medical Services Recruitment Board for the first time to recruit Paramedical and Administrative staff
- Tamil Nadu Government Dental College upgraded as "Centre for Excellence" at a cost of Rs 10 Crores
- Multi Super Speciality Hospital and Medical College at Omandhurar Government Estate on par with AIIMS

Free Laptop Computers

- Free Laptop computers to +2 and college students benefitting 1.80 lakh students

Small Industries

- New District Industries Centre created in Ariyalur District
- Rs 11.20 Crores sanctioned towards payment of Rs 2 per Kg as support price for procurement of green tea leaves from small tea growers

Fishermen Welfare

- Financial assistance increased from Rs 1,000 to Rs 2,000. Rs 31.64 crores disbursed to 1.58 lakh fisherfolk during fishing ban period
- Financial assistance of Rs 4,000 to each fisherman family to compensate the loss of revenue during lean seasons. Rs 70 crores distributed to 1.70 lakh fisherfolk
- Fisheries University at Nagapattinam proposed
- Institute of Fisheries Technology at Ponneri and Nagapattinam sanctioned

Adi Dravidar Welfare

- Feeding charges for Adi Dravidar School students increased from Rs 450 to Rs 650 and for college students from Rs 550 to Rs 750 per month
- Rs 76.33 crores allotted to improve the infrastructure in Adi Dravidar Students Hostels
- Rs 5,007 crores allotted for Adi Dravidar welfare
- Government to bear the compulsory fees including the Tuition Fees fixed by the committee for Adi Dravidar and Tribal Students in self financing colleges

Anti Land Grabbing

- 39 Anti Land Grabbing Cells formed
- 25 Special Courts formed at a cost of Rs 10.76 crores to try land grabbing case
- 34,703 complaints received, 1,299 land grabbers arrested and lands worth Rs 758 crores restored to the rightful owners

Housing

- 1,217 houses constructed
- 6,849 houses under construction
- 18,171 long pending sale deeds released
- 2,567 allotment of tenements to slum dwellers

Finance

- For the first time, the total Budget size of the State Government crossed Rs 1 lakh crores

Police Welfare

- Created Greater Chennai Police Commissionerate
- Rs 58 lakhs sanctioned from Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund to 29 legal heirs of the deceased police personnel
- Police Insurance Amount enhanced from Rs 1 lakh to Rs2 lakhs
- Rs 1.01 crore sanctioned for 36 Medical Out Patient Units in Police Battalion and Armed Reserve Headquarters

- Canteens for the serving and retired Police Personnel extended to the Fire Service and Prison Departments
- Rs 337.68 crores sanctioned for the construction of Police Stations and Residential Quarters
- 10 Chairs provided in all Police Stations for the use of common public
- Steps taken to fill up 13,320 vacancies in Police Department

Public Works

- Constructed Government Quarters at Saidapet, Chennai at a cost of Rs 77.29 crores and buildings for various departments at a cost of Rs 315.76 crores
- Under World Bank assistance, Rs 2,547 crores provided to facilitate irrigation of 15.25 lakh acres
- Comprehensive Court Complex at Tindivanam at a cost of Rs 17.32 lakh

Sports

- 'Special Scholarship for Elite Sports Persons' introduced to nurture sports persons for Olympic and International competitions
- 3,240 talented sports persons identified under 'World Beaters Talent Spotting Scheme' with an incentive of Rs 6,000 to each
- Enhanced incentive of Rs 2 crores to gold medalists, Rs 1 crore to silver medalists and Rs 50 lakh to bronze medalists of Olympic Games. Likewise enhanced incentive for all other international sports events

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Thane Cyclone Relief

- Rs 1,640 crores sanctioned for immediate relief and restoration of Thane Cyclone affected areas in a record time
- Construction of 1 lakh concrete houses to Thane Cyclone affected families to the tune of Rs 1,000 crores

Industries

- An investment of Rs 1,500 crores by M/s. Yamaha Motors Ltd, to set up Two Wheeler Vehicle Manufacturing Unit

- MOU to set up an integrated industrial township at OMR, Chennai in an extent of 1,500 acres of land at an investment of Rs 3,500 Crores
- To set up a Business Support Centre in Chennai to facilitate Japanese investors
- Allotment of 50 acres of Land in Oragadam to set up a Two Wheelers Factory by M/s.Royal Enfield Ltd a unit of Eicher Motors Ltd at an investment of Rs 350 crores
- To set up a Tissue Paper Plant in Pugalur at a capital outlay of Rs 200 Crores for production of 100 tonnes of tissue paper per day
- Tamil Nadu Salt Corporation to introduce the double fortified salt (Iron and Iodine) in the open market for the first time in the country
- An investment of Rs 1,000 crores by the GAIL to lay gas pipelines in Salem, Erode, Coimbatore, Thiruppur, Namakkal, Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri districts with branch pipe lines for supplying Industries, Transport vehicles and house hold
- 7 MOU to set up industries in Tamil Nadu at an investment of Rs 19,700 crores

Water Supply

- Water supply provided to 6,000 Rural Habitations, 3,447 Government Schools, 1,390 Anganwadi Centres and 229 Government Hostels

Registration

- 23,804 pending property documents cleared through Samadhan Scheme
- Reduction of Stamp Duty on Sale deeds from 6% to 5%

Tamil Development

- First day of "Chithirai" restored as Tamil New Year in accordance with tradition and celebrated as Government function and distributed awards to Tamil Scholars, Tamil Organization, etc
- Monthly financial assistance to aged Tamil Scholars enhanced from Rs 1000 to Rs 2000
- Financial assistance to best Tamil books increased from Rs 25,000 to Rs 50,000. Income limit for applicants increased from Rs 25,000 to Rs 50,000

Temples

- Rejuvenation of Elephant Camp at Mudumalai
- Kumbabishekam completed in 1006 temples and renovation completed in 1248 temples
- Annadhanam Scheme extended to 106 temples totaling 468 temples
- Enhanced grant to temples in Adi Dravida / Tribal habitations from Rs 25,000 to Rs 50,000 for renovation
- Renovation of 364 temple tanks
- Battery operated cars in 8 temples for senior citizens and the physically challenged

- A day long Annadhanam Scheme in Srirangam Arulmigu Aranganathar Swami Temple and Palani Arulmigu Dhandayudhapani Swami temple

Tourism & Culture

- Infrastructure development works at 15 Tourist spots at a cost of Rs 11.20 Crores
- Development of roads connecting 10 Tourist spots at a cost of Rs 10 Crores
- Monthly financial assistance of Rs 1000 extended to 500 additional indigent artistes

Power

- New wind mills with a capacity of 962 MW installed
- Accorded approval for four new Thermal Power Projects with a total capacity of 3,860 MW at a cost of Rs 22,800 Crores
- Special Announcement for Udangudi Super Critical Thermal Power Plant (2x800 MW) under State Sector at a cost of Rs 8,000 Crores
- Provided a record sum of Rs 7,913.35 Crores as financial assistance to Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited
- Financial assistance of Rs 300 Crores provided towards power restoration works in Thane affected districts
- One 400 KV Sub-station and Twenty 110/33KV substations commissioned
- Six Solar Power Plants with a total capacity of 10 MW and 4 biomass/Co-generation projects to the tune of 31.45 MW commissioned
- 32.5 MW Hydro Power has been added through Bhavani Kattalai Barrage II and Periyar-Vaigai SHEP-II Projects

Revenue

- Under the Fast Track Patta Transfer Scheme, 15.56 lakh patta transfer applications processed
- 1.22 lakh house site pattas issued
- Relief measure for natural calamities increased to Rs 2 lakh in case of loss of human life, Rs 20,000 in case of death of Cow/Buffalo and Rs 2000 in case of goat
- Enhanced financial relief of Rs 100 towards loss of poultry
- Extended the Life Time Family Pension to the unmarried / divorced/widowed daughters of pensioners

Co-operative

- Agricultural loan disbursed to 9 lakh farmers through Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies to the tune of Rs 3280.42 crores
- Medium Term Investment loans disbursed to 67,071 farmers to the tune of Rs281.24 crores
- Rs28,059 crores sanctioned towards Multi Purpose Loan to the farmers

Roads & Bridges

- Widening of 4953 Kms Length of roads and improvements to 274 bridges / culverts completed at a cost of Rs 1730 Crores
- 6035 Kms length of roads maintained at a cost of Rs 985.87 Crores
- 45 Roads of 219 Kms length improved at a cost of Rs 74.73 Crores
- 7 Railway Over Bridges and 5 River Bridges constructed at a cost of Rs 350 crores

Students Welfare

- 11 New Arts and Science Colleges opened
- Upgradation of 65 Primary Schools as Middle Schools
- Upgradation of 710 Middle Schools as High Schools
- Upgraded 100 High Schools as Higher Secondary Schools
- Two sets of School Uniform to 47 lakh students at a cost of Rs 164.72 crores
- Free Footwears to 81.20 lakh students at a cost of Rs 100 crores
- School Bags, Geometric Boxes, Colour Pencils and Maps to 92.30 lakh students at a cost of Rs 136.50 crores
- Tuition fees paid to 1.57 lakh first generation college students at a cost of Rs 299.28 crores
- Online Registration for employment at schools benefitting 11.83 lakh students
- Created 9,487 Secondary Grade Posts, 19,057 Graduate Assistant Posts, 4,272 PG Posts 865 special teachers, 775 Head Master posts, 7,308 non teaching posts newly created
- 16,549 Part time teachers posts newly created and appointed
- 3 New Engineering Colleges at Bodi, Dharmapuri and Thanjavur
- Rs 100 crores alloted to improve infrastructure facilities in Govt Colleges
- Two new Veterinary Colleges for Orathanadu and Tirunelveli sanctioned
- Institute of Poultry Production and Management at Hosur sanctioned
- New Horticultural College-Research Institute for Women and National School of Law at Navalur Kuttapattu in Srirangam constituency
- Special cash incentive of Rs 1,500 for class X and XI students and Rs 2,000 for class XII students, to reduce the drop outs in higher classes

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Welfare of the Differently Abled

- 20 Early Intervention Centers for the visually impaired children in the age of 0-5 years in 20 districts at a cost of Rs 2 crores
- Age limit of 45 is reduced to 18 years to avail pension by the differently abled
- Free vocational training conducted in all the 32 districts at a cost of Rs 75 lakhs benefitting 2,400 differently abled persons
- Cash award and assistance to pursue higher education given to the hearing impaired students of 10th and 12th who obtained first three ranks in District / State level at a cost of Rs 35.70 lakhs
- Monthly maintenance allowance given to the persons with severe disability enhanced from Rs 500 to Rs 1000 benefitting 76,407 persons at a cost of Rs 92.28 Crores

Minority Welfare

- Monthly Pension increased from Rs 750 to Rs 1000 benefitting 2600 Ulamas
- Rs 1.00 crore allotted as financial assistance to Christians for Holy Pilgrimage to Jerusalem

Rural Development

- Construction of 60,000 Green Houses at a cost of Rs 1,080 Crores
- 5,56,311 SHGs formed with 85.70 lakhs members with their group savings of Rs 3,374.60 crores
- Imparted Entrepreneurs Development Training to 4,081 Women and skill training to 25,000 youth
- Rs 52.50 crores, allotted for conversion of 20,000 Panchayat Street Lights as Solar Lights

Forest

- Compensation for loss of life and permanent disablement by wild animals increased from Rs 1.5 lakhs to Rs 3 lakhs
- Compensation for damages to crop increased from Rs 15,000 to Rs 25,000 per acre and for houses from Rs 5,000 to Rs 35,000
- 39.33 lakhs saplings planted at a cost of Rs 13.77 crores on the eve of Hon'ble Chief Minister's Birth Day
- Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project approved at a cost of Rs 686 crores

- 1.19 Crore trees planted in private lands at a cost of Rs 12.33 Crores
- Monthly wages for 1,240 temporary anti poaching watchers raised to Rs 4,000
- Rs 11.70 Crores sanctioned in 7 districts to reduce damages due to human animal conflict

Arasu Cable TV

- Arasu Cable TV revived to provide better service with 100 channels at a subscription of Rs 70 per month benefitting 49.53 lakh subscribers

Environment

- Rs 50 Crores sanctioned for laying 446.50 km of quality roads using plastic waste
- Rs 75 Crores sanctioned to pay compensation to the farmers affected by the Tirupur Dyeing Units

Commercial Tax

- End to end computerization project in Comercial Taxes Department at a cost of Rs 230.96 Crores
- Removal of VAT on agriculatural implements and fertilizers
- Removal of VAT on wheat, oats, insulin, handmade locks, feeding bottles and nipples, helmets, etc
- Removal of VAT on domestic gas cylinder (Rs 14.72 per cylinder) benefitting 1.36 crore families

Public Department

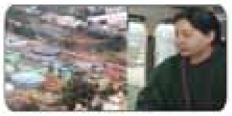
- Enhancement of monthly consolidated pay from Rs 1,500 to Rs 5,000 to the Ex-Servicemen in the Temple Protection Force
- Enhancement of Medical allowance to Freedom Fighter pensioners from Rs 15 to Rs 100 per month
- Payment of Rs 10,000 each to the 416 women SHGs in refugee camps as one time grant for revolving fund, at a cost of Rs 41.60 lakhs

Information & Public Relations

- Journalists pension increased from Rs 5,000 to Rs 6,000 and their family pension enhanced from Rs 2,500 to Rs 3,000
- Inaugurated the Madras Reporters Guild at a cost of Rs 30 lakhs
- Inaugurated the renovated Press Room in the Secretariat at a cost of Rs 20 lakhs
- Opened Thiyagi Subramania Siva Manimandapam built at cost of Rs 40 lakhs
- Inaugurated the Modern AC Film Shooting Floor in MGR Film and TV Institute at a cost of Rs 1.50 crores

- Modern digital cameras purchased for headquarters and districts at a cost of Rs 1.04 crore
- Media Centre and installation of equipments and softwares to upload the photographs and video clippings related to the Government functions
- Multimedia Publicity Campaigns and photo exhibitions conducted in all districts

Local Administration



- Rs 500 Crores allotted under Chennai Mega City Development Mission
- Rs 750 Crores sanctioned to 9 Corporations, 125 Municipalities and 529 Town Panchayats for infrastructure under Integrated Urban Development Mission
- Rural Water Supply Schemes implemented at a cost of Rs 753 crores
- 881 Kms of roads improved in 374 urban local bodies at a cost of Rs 268.66 Crores
- Plastic roads for a total length of 305 Kms at a cost of Rs 52.26 Crores laid in 9 Corporations, 119 Municipalities and 94 Town Panchayats
- Deworming programme for 5 lakh school children carried out by Chennai Corporation
- Construction of 600 Special Toilets for the differently abled persons in 9 Corporations and 503 Town Panchayats at a cost of Rs 11.50 Crores
- 118 Bus route roads to a length of 77.35 Kms taken up for improvement at a cost of Rs 50.21 Crores

Farmers Welfare

- Rs 190.17 Crores disbursed for 2.70 lakh beneficiaries under "Chief Minister's Farmers Security Scheme"
- 100% subsidy to small and marginal farmers in micro irrigation and 75% subsidy to other farmers
- Incentive to paddy farmers increased to Rs 50 for bold variety and Rs 70 for fine variety in procurement price
- Introduction of 'Pulses Development Programme' to maximise production at a cost of Rs 90.82 crores
- Farmers Melas organized throughout the State at a cost of Rs 34.59 Crores

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